GRADE DESCRIPTIONS







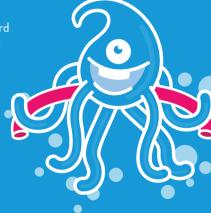
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Water Pup Stage 1

Sitting entry with adult support

Kick 2 metres on your front with adult support

Float on your back with an adult supporting your head

Travel 2 metres with help to a floating object

Spin around in both directions all on your own

Exit the water safely





Water Pup Stage 2

Swim 5 metres kicking your legs on your own Swim 5 metres tuck, star, pencil on your own Regain an upright position from your back with help Regain an upright position from your front with help Be at ease with water showered from overhead Blow object 2 metres across the water Scoop water and wash your face

Demonstrate an understanding of pool rules





To be achieved with only one disc per arm Swim 5 metres breaststroke legs with toes turned out Swim front & back 5 metres splashy legs toes pointing Move sideways 5 metres Push & glide in a horizontal position from the wall Blow bubbles with chin and mouth in the water Move into a stretched floating position Take part in a teacher-led partner oriented game Supervised jump to an adult Climb out without assistance



To be achieved without any floatation aids

Jump in from poolside safely

Swim 5 metres splashy legs front & back

Swim 5 metres breaststroke legs on your back

Demonstrate knowledge of breaststroke arms

Regain upright position from your back & front

Push from the wall and glide on your front & back

Blow bubbles 3 times with your nose & mouth submerged

Perform a log role and regain a standing position

A 5 metre award should be issued prior to, or in addition to completing Stage 2



Little Splasher Stage 3 £3 each

Jump in and submerge

Underwater push & glide whilst remaining streamlined Push & glide arms extended, log roll onto front/back Swim on your front, tuck, rotate & return on your back Collect an object from the bottom of the pool Answer 3 questions on water safety Swim 10 metres on your front Swim 10 metres on your back Swim 5 metres of breaststroke

A 10 metre award should be issued prior to, or in addition to completing Stage 3





Demonstrate an understanding of buoyancy

Perform a tuck float for 5 seconds

Perform a sequence of 3 shapes whilst floating on your back

Push & glide from the wall to the pool floor

Swim 10 metres backstroke, 10 metres frontcrawl, swim 10 metres breaststroke your front & 10 metres on your back

Scull 5 metres head first retaining a horizontal position

Swim on your back, roll onto your front and continue

Swim 10 metres of a stroke of your choice

A 20 metre award should be issued prior to, or in addition to completing Stage 4



Perform stationary scull on your back

Scull 5 metres toes first

Perform a sculling sequence for 30-45 seconds to include a rotation

Tread water for 30 seconds

Show 3 different jumps into the water

Swim 25 metres backstroke

Swim 15 metres frontcrawl face in the water

Swim 25 metres breaststroke

Perform a handstand for 3 seconds & then a forward somersault

A 50 metre award should be issued prior to, or in addition to completing Stage 5



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Demonstrate a preparation for exercise

Push & glide rotate into frontcrawl/backstroke

Swim 10 metres wearing clothes

Swim 25 metres frontcrawl ensuring breathing is rhythmical

Swim 25 metres breaststroke ensuring breathing is rhythmical

Swim 25 metres backcrawl with continuous arms

Swim 25 metres any stroke of your choice

Perform a shout & signal rescue

Perform a surface dive

Exit the water without the use of steps

A 75 & 100 metre award should be issued prior to, or in addition to completing Stage 6





Swim 25 metres backstroke, 25 metres frontcrawl & 50 metres breaststroke

Demonstrate basic butteryfly leg kick for 5 metres

Perform a 1 minute sequence of:

- Sculling head first/feet first
- Forward/backward somersault, log roll
- Star float front/back, tuck float
- Eggbeater lifting one or both arms out of the water

Perform a sitting dive

Swim 100 metres using at least 3 strokes

Tread water using eggbeater for 30 seconds

Complete an obstacle course (4 objects) without touching the pool floor

A 200 metre award should be issued prior to, or in addition to completing Stage 7



Bronze Award



Jump in, swim 10 metres then surface dive and swim under water for a further 5 metres

Tread water for 3 minutes

Scull head first for 15 metres, feet at or near the surface

Swim 400 metres using all three strokes, a minimum of 100m of each stroke

A 300 metre award should be issued prior to completing the Bronze Award







Begin with a plunge dive for the following distance timed swim

Timed swim, 100 metres in 3 minutes or under, a change of stroke only at the end of each length

Tread water for 2 minutes with one hand behind your back

Swim 10 metres then surface dive head first touching the floor

Swim 10 metres then surface dive feet first pushing off the floor

Scull head first on your back for 10 metres then return sculling feet first

Swim 800 metres, 400 metres on your front & 400 metres on your back. A change of stroke every 50 metres

A 600 metre award should be issued prior to the Silver Award

An 800 metre award must be issued with Silver







Begin with a plunge dive for the following distance timed swim

Timed swim, 100 metres in 2 minutes 30 sec or under, use only two strokes

Tread water for 3 minutes with one hand above your head

Scull 10 metres then enter a tucked position and rotate 360° and return by sculling feet first

Swim 10 metres, forward somersault and swim a further 10 metres

Swim 800 metres using three strokes in 25 minutes or under. A change of stroke every 100 metres



Honours Award



Straddle entry followed by a 5 metre swim, enter into a piked surface dive retrieving a 2kg object from the bottom. Carry the object 20 metres using backstroke or sidestroke.

Scull head first 10 metres, complete a back somersault, roll 180° onto your front, forward somersault, tuck rotate backwards to scull feet first 15 metres .

The following must be completed in 23 minutes without pause:

Swim 200 metres frontcrawl , 200 metres backstroke, 100 metres breaststroke (or 50 metres butterfly)

Swim 500 metres freestyle, surface dive twice head first, and twice feet first. During each surface dive you must swim through two hoops 4 metres apart without surfacing

A 1000 metre award must be issued with Honours



Amature Lifeguard Bronze £3 each

Swim continuously for 50 metres fully clothed Scull head & feet first over 15 metres Demonstrate a non swimmer, weak swimmer & an unconcious casualty Enter shallow water & wade to casualty Demonstrate a reach rescue to a casualty 2m away Enter deep water safely & confidently

Climb out without use of the ladders





Amature Lifeguard Silver

Swim 200 metres front & back clothed

Enter shallow water, wade to the casualty with a buoyant aid, instruct casualty what to do

Place a casualty in the support position

Tread water for 3 minutes, signal for help every 30 seconds

Swim 100m, perform two feet first & head first surface dives collecting a sinker

In shallow water turn a face down casualty around and walk back to the wall

Coil & throw a rope 10m and pull the casualty back in less than 45 sec

Enter deep water using straddle jump

Swim 20 metres frontcrawl with your head out of the water looking forwards





Amature Lifeguard Gold

Throw a rope 12 metres to a casualty and rescue in 30 sec Swim 400 metres fully clothed in 15 minutes Tread water for 2 mintues fully clothed then swim 50m Demonstrate a compact jump & a shallow dive Swim 10 metres then demonstrate a reverse Swim 10 metres then demonstrate a standoff Swim 20 metres to a casualty, collect sinker, swap sinker for casualty and tow for 20 metres, all in 2 minutes Demonstrate supported rescue breathing whilst waiting for help Demonstrate the support position Using initiative assist two casualties in shallow water upto 15 metres away. Demonstrate non-contact rescues

Swim 400 metres in 12 minutes

























As an incentive for children between awards, or for a special achievement we offer a Well Done certificate.

It is not uncommon for awards to take several courses to achieve. We feel it is vitally important to keep confidece high and acknowledge progress and achievements, no matter how small.







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