

IMPORTANT CHANGES AHEAD FOR NCAS ACCREDITED GREEN COACHES

Swimming Australia, upon advisement from the Coach Accreditation Review Committee has decided to not re-register the Green Coaching course with the National Coach Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) administered by the Australian Sports Commission. For more information visit www.swimming.org.au or www.ascta.com

Q: Should I do the BRONZE Course?

A: If you are currently working in the capacity as a CLUB coach or with athletes in the 13-18 age group, or wish broaden your skills and to move into such a role in the future, it is recommended that you complete a BRONZE course as soon as possible.

Q: What's the difference between the courses?

The coaching of age-group swimmers in the club environment requires higher-order skills that include the planning of annual and short-term training cycles, team development, and much more. These coaching skills are not included in the "Green" course or the "Junior Squad & Assistant Coach" course, but are key educational components of the BRONZE course.

Q: How do I get my BRONZE accreditation?

A: Current 'Green' Coaches are eligible to enrol in the Bronze Swimming Coaching Course. You may also apply for your Bronze qualification through 'Recognition of Current Competency' (i.e. demonstrating your current skills and experiences).

Q: What if I'm happy to continue working with young swimmers (12 & Under) or under the guidance of a suitably qualified mentor coach – do I have to move up to BRONZE at some future stage?

A: You may continue to work with this level of swimmer for as long as you wish. Many coaches gain great satisfaction from making a real contribution to a young swimmer's technical development – quality coaching early in a swimmer's career will yield benefits later on.

Q: As my qualification changes to 'Junior Squad & Assistant Coach', can I still obtain insurance cover?

A: The Swimming Australia Club insurance program covers all registered Club members – including those who serve in a coaching capacity. However, ascta recommends that all coaches assess their personal risk and requirements for professional indemnity as well as public liability cover. ascta-Marsh insurance provides an individual policy that any 'coach' or 'teacher of swimming' member of ascta may purchase. The 'Junior Squad & Assistant Coach' is fully covered by the ascta-Marsh individual policy, as long as he/she is working within the scope of their competency. (i.e. 12 & Unders, or under appropriate supervision)

