Emotional Intelligence

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Learning Outcomes

- Identify the components of emotional intelligence or emotional quotient (EQ)
- Apply the aspects of EQ to your own role





Enjoyment (intrinsic motivation)







Transferable skills





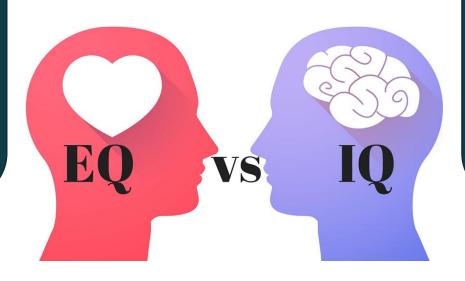
Every adult working in competitive swimming has a role to play in ensuring the best positive outcomes (performance, wellbeing, future prospects)

How you interact with the swimmers has a really important role to play

What do you understand by emotional intelligence?



Identify, evaluate and control emotions, perceive and assess others' emotions and understand emotional meanings



Ability to learn, understand, and apply information to skills, logical reasoning, and decision making





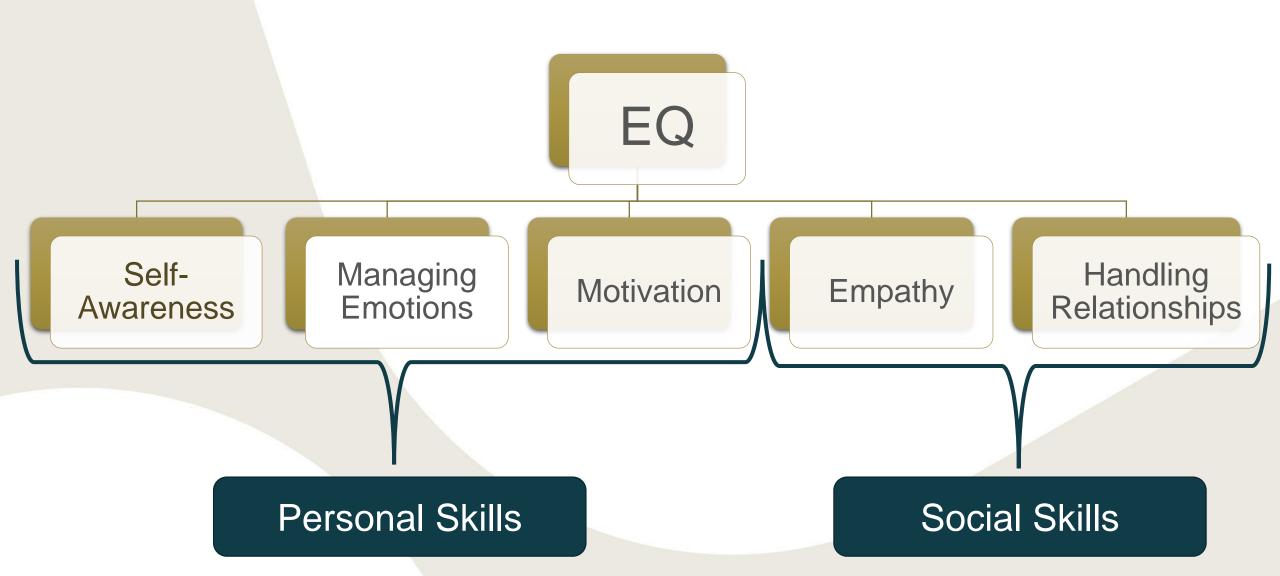


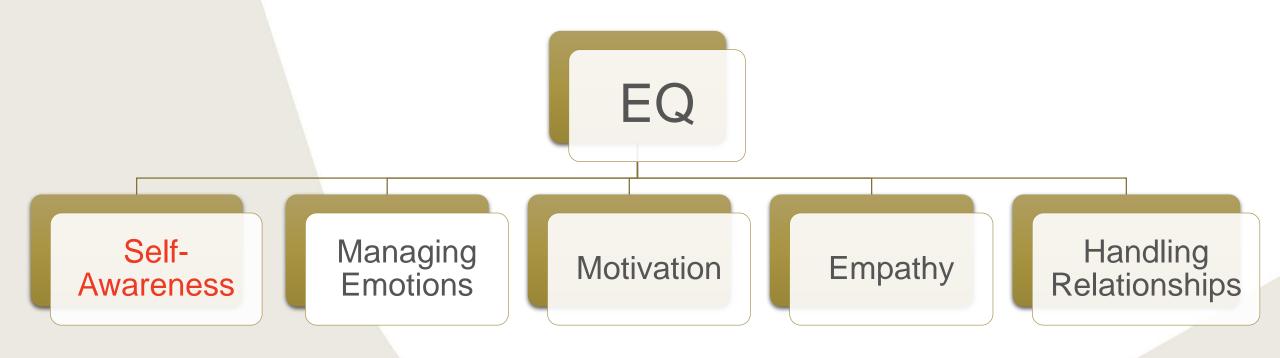
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Particularly useful in roles that involve teamwork, leadership, requiring successful relations, initiative, and collaboration







Involves recognising what we are feeling and understanding why Notice physiological and behavioural reactions



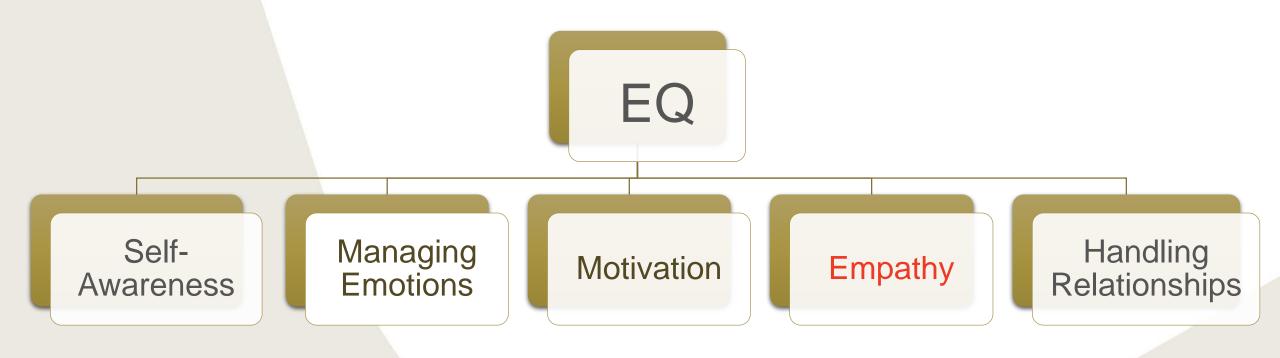
Once you have identified the emotions, how well you manage them is important in your interactions with others – may involve self-control.

Try strategies such as breathing and/or counting to 10



Reflect on what you are in a situation – what motivates you?

Be fair to yourself (and others) – be assertive and when consider your needs



Listen to verbal messages and observe non-verbal messages to get a 'feel' for how others are feeling.

Use questions. Avoid making comments that are judgemental.



How you behave towards others will impact on how they feel and react. Work on your social skills (listen, be non-judgemental, give them time to speak [or not speak])

What typical scenarios may you find yourself in when dealing with a swimmer?

What role does EQ play in these scenarios?



A Case Study to explore EQ



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Put yourselves in the position of the coach/team manager* and for each aspect discuss....

- 1. What could go wrong?
- 2. What do you need to consider?
- 3. How can you manage this situation?

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Think about how you may be feeling in this scenario. What signs are you aware of in yourself that indicates how you are feeling?

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Think about why you are there... what is it that motivates you? What drives your commitment? Is this having an impact on how you are feeling?

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Think about how your emotions are impacting on your behaviour. Do you need to control your emotions? Will showing your emotions help or hinder?

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Think about how the swimmer is feeling? Put yourself "in her shoes". Can you demonstrate that you understand? How are you going to do this?

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What can you do with the swimmer? How are you going to communicate with her? What actions are you going to take?

Feedback to the group

Moving forwards...

Reflection





What aspects of EQ are you good at?
Which areas do you need to work on?
What are you going to do differently next time you are in a 'difficult' situation with a swimmer?

Any Questions?

