

Code of Conduct for Parents

General Behaviour / Providing an effective support network:

1. I will treat all parents, swimmers and members of, and persons associated with, Swim England with due dignity and respect.
2. I will ensure that my athlete(s) take responsibility for their own swimming, encouraging them to obey the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
3. I will ensure that my athlete(s) follows their code of conduct and ensure they take responsibility for their actions when a breach has been made.
4. I will complete and return Membership and Medical Information Forms as requested by the organisation and provide details of any health conditions/concerns relevant to my child on the consent form. I will report any changes in the state of my child's health to the coach prior to training sessions or events. (Without full medical disclosure club staff will find it difficult to cater to your athlete's needs. In addition the club cannot be held responsible for issues arising with the programme when your athlete is under Club Staff supervision, should you fail to provide the relevant information.)
5. If my athlete(s) have known severe/fatal allergies, e.g. nuts, insect bites or stings, I will ensure they have treatment to hand at all sessions and ensure that regular, temporary and support staff are made aware of the condition.
6. I will ensure that the organisation has up-to-date contact details for me and for any alternative person(s) as required.
7. I will inform the coach and membership secretary if there are any changes to my athlete's health record.
8. I will deliver and collect my child punctually to and from training sessions/events. I will inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem.
9. If the organisation changes my child's squad, lanes and/or changing times, I will remember that any changes are to provide appropriate levels of training and to enable my child to progress, and I should therefore support and encourage this at all times.
10. I will ensure my child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/ events including all mandatory equipment, e.g. hats, goggles, floats, etc
11. I will inform the coach before a session if my child is to be collected early from a training session/event and if so, by whom.
12. I will behave responsibly as a spectator during training/events and treat members, coaches, committee members and other parents of members of both my child's organisation and any other organisation with due respect, in accordance with Swim England commitment to equality and diversity.
13. I will only use appropriate language within the organisation environment.
14. I will show appreciation and positively support my child and all the team members.
15. I will ensure my child's needs are met in terms of nutrition and I will listen to advice given from the coaches/nutritionists.
16. I will support the coach and committee appropriately and raise any concerns I may have in an appropriate manner to the welfare officer.
17. I will not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency.
18. I will respect the privacy of others, especially in the use of changing facilities
19. If I wish to have a discussion with the coach, I will follow the guidelines in the Club Handbook.
20. Most of all, I will help my child to enjoy the sport and to achieve to the best of their ability.



Media:

1. I will use social media responsibly and professionally and in line with the club's social media guidelines (see club handbook).
2. The club expects that all members act as ambassadors for the club and their sport, remembering that reporting media and rivals are always watching.
3. I will make the club aware of any breach of the club's code of conduct.

The organisation will:

1. Inform you at once if your child becomes ill and will ensure their wellbeing until you are able to collect him/her.
2. Ensure good child safeguarding guidelines are followed at all times to keep your child safe.
3. Ensure all activities are properly supervised/ taught/coached and that consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.

You have a right to:

1. Make a complaint to the organisation if you feel the organisation or a member of the organisation is not acting appropriately or in accordance with Swim England/organisation rules and regulations. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the Club Handbook or Club Welfare Officer.
2. Make a complaint on behalf of your child to the Swim England Office of Judicial Administration.

I agree to the above code of conduct. Any breach of this code will be investigated by the club, in line with Swim England regulations.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

This code is an extension to the Swim England Code of Ethics. Both should be followed.

