

Code of Conduct for St John's Legends Parents



Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in swimming are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and five core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and caring. The highest potential of swimming is achieved when competition reflects these five core principals. As a parent...

...I therefore agree:

- I will not force my child to participate.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn, and abide by the rules of competition and the policies of the organization.
- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all swimmers, coaches, officials and spectators at every meet, practice or social event.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, swimmer, or parents, such as booing and taunting; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to participate fully and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other swimmers, coaches, officials and parents with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a heat or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for not making a personal best or for receiving a disqualification.
- I will emphasize personal bests and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all swimmers ahead of any personal desire that I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during competitions.
- I will never question, discuss or confront coaches on the pool deck, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed-upon time and place.
- I will demand a swim environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all swim events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other swimmers during meets and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:
 - ✓ Verbal warning by official, head coach, and /or club president.
 - ✓ Written warning.
 - ✓ Parental practice/meet suspension with written documentation of the incident kept on file by club Board of Directors.

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, and Caring

The St. John's Legends Swim Club