

WCAN Parent Code of Conduct

WCAN is fortunate to have highly experienced, professional coaches working to develop our children into better swimmers, and more importantly, disciplined young people. As parents, it is absolutely essential that we give our coaching staff the respect and authority they deserve to coach our children and run our swim team.

The following code of conduct is in accordance with recommendations made by USA Swimming and the American Swim Coaches Association. As a parent of a swimmer and a member of the WCAN swim team, I understand and will abide by the following guidelines.

** As a parent, I will support the values of Discipline, Loyalty, Commitment, Hard Work and Teamwork during each practice, swim meets and other swimming events and in dealings with all coaches, parents, swimmers and officials.

** As a parent, I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and teamwork, conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials and the coaches at meets and practices.

** As a parent, I will not coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at practice or meets (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with coaches on the pool deck.

** As a parent, I will get my swimmer(s) to practice and meets on time and ready to swim.

** As a parent, I will maintain self-control at all times, and I will know my role. Swimmers swim; Coaches coach; Officials officiate; Parents parent (love and support).

** As a parent, I will insist that my child(ren) refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, drugs or other prohibited substances or from engaging in any inappropriate language or behavior.

** As a parent, I will direct questions, concerns and suggestions to a member of the coaching staff in private during normal business hours or before or after practice or meets. I will not interrupt a coach on the pool deck.

** As a parent, I understand that swim officials have the best interest of all swimmers in mind, and I will communicate with swim officials through the coaching staff ONLY.

** As a parent, I understand that participation by my child(ren) in swimming is voluntary and participation in meets and events shall not be forced. I will trust and support my swimmer and coach's decisions around goal setting and training, and I will not impose my own ambitions on my swimmer(s).

** As a parent, I will volunteer to help with fundraising and other team events, fulfill my timing duties at swim meets, and when possible, assist with set-up and take-down at swim meets and practices, including canopies, lane lines, pool covers and timing clocks.

** As a parent, I will pay my fees on time, remembering to use the P.O. Box unless otherwise arranged. I will not ask/expect the coaching staff to accept payments on the pool deck.

** As a parent, I will enjoy my involvement with WCAN by supporting the swimmers, coaches, board members and other parents with positive communications and actions.

Parent name (please print)_____

Parent signature _____ Date_____

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