



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents / Guardians and Spectators should comply with the principles of good ethical practice listed below. Parents / Guardians must at all times:

- Promote the positive aspects of the sport.
- Support and encourage their swimmer wherever possible in all their efforts for the club and in complying with the Athlete Code of Conduct
- Encourage swimmers to value the performance and not just results.
- Do not ridicule or shout at a child for making mistakes or losing a race. Never use physical or emotional punishment with respect to a swimmer's performance.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Encourage and guide swimmers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.
- Always remember that the involvement in the sports is for the child, not you - do not impose any personal ambition on your child.
- Resist the temptation to provide coaching advice to a swimmer during a club session or meet.
- Never condone rule violations or use of prohibited substances.
- Behave responsibly and do not use inappropriate language whilst involved in or spectating at club activities, and treat athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect.
- Be responsible for your child's behaviour in the showers, changing rooms and all areas of the swimming centre. The coaches are responsible only on poolside.
- Check all club communication mediums regularly for information on club activities. Parents are responsible for checking entry and acceptance to swim in galas.
- If you wish to speak to a coach do not approach them on poolside, please wait until they are off poolside.
- Never get into a public argument with a coach which undermines their authority poolside.
- Respect the aims and objectives of GASC and support your child by allowing them to turn up on time for practice and competitions.
- If your child is unable to attend training, please ensure that you inform the child's coach at the first available opportunity.
- Any changes in the state of your swimmer's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions. Ensure the club has up to date contact details for you.
- Always ensure a coach is present before leaving your child at the pool and ensure your swimmer is collected promptly at the end of each session.
- The club is a voluntary organisation and it takes a great deal of work from many people on an unpaid basis to make it work. We would ask that all parents volunteer in some capacity on that basis.
- Abide by Scottish Swimming Social Media Guidelines and GASC Mobile Phone Policy.

All parents / guardians and spectators are expected to respect direction of pool staff who have overall authority for activities held at venues.

All participants (swimmers, coaches, volunteers), family and spectators are expected to promote a positive and encouraging atmosphere at all training and competitive events, thus promoting the positive coaching principals.

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Declaration

I agree to abide in full to all the criteria in the Parent Code of Conduct and if I am a member of the Club any breaches of the above Code will be dealt with in accordance with the club's disciplinary procedures.

If I am not a member of the Club any breach of the above Code will result in a ban from poolside.

PARENT / GUARDIAN 1

Name: (print) _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN 2

Name: (print) _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____