



# WOLVERHAMPTON SWIMMING CLUB

Founded 1876

(Affiliated to Staffordshire ASA & Swim England West Midlands)

## Code of Conduct for Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Complete and return the health care section of the membership form as requested by the club. If there are any specific health needs for your child, please notify the coaches and/or welfare officer (WO) where this will be treated in strict confidence. Any changes in the condition of your child's health should be reported to the coach prior to training sessions and ensure the club has up to date contact details for you and any alternative guardian.
- Deliver and collect your child punctually to and from training sessions/swim meets. Please inform coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. If the club changes your child's lane and training times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should be facilitated and encouraged at all times.
- Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment, i.e. hats, goggles etc.
- Inform the coach/WO before a session if your child is to be collected early from a coaching session/meet and if so, by whom.
- Encourage your child to obey rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
- Behave responsibly as a spectator at training sessions/meets and treat swimmers, coaches, committee members and parents of your and other clubs with due respect meeting the Swim England commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- Ensure they do not use inappropriate language within the club environment.
- Show appreciation and support for your child and all the team members.
- Support the club coaches and committee appropriately and raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner. Details of the club contacts and Welfare Officer can be found on the club website and noticeboard.
- Do not enter poolside unless requested to do so, or in an emergency. If you wish to have a discussion with the coach please ensure that this is done before or after training.
- Most of all help your child enjoy the sport and achieve to the best of their ability.

## Mobile Device Usage

- All members should be aware that while Swim England does not support the banning of mobile phones, as children may need them to keep in touch with parents/guardians, particularly in case of emergency, they support the requirement that phones emit a “noticeable sound” if a phone camera is used.
- Members are reminded that any photos taken should fall within the guidelines of the WSC Photography and Social Media Policy, and that if phones are taken into changing rooms, the facility to take photographs **MUST NOT BE USED**.
- **Under no circumstances should any photos be taken in the changing room facilities.**
- Any breach of this rule could not only result in a member having their membership permanently withdrawn from the club, but could also leave them **liable to criminal prosecution**, such is the potential severity of this type of conduct.

The club will undertake to:

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

The parent has a right to:

- Make a complaint to the club if they feel the club or a member of the club is not acting appropriate to Swim England/club laws and rules. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the club Welfare Officer.
- Make a complaint on behalf of their child to Swim England.

Any misdemeanours or breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with by the club committee utilising the same format and procedures explained in the swimmer’s code of conduct under the guidance of the Swim England regulations.

Please complete the information below

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I have read and understood the Wolverhampton Swimming Club Code of Conduct for Parents, and agree to follow the Code at all training sessions and galas.

Name of Parent 1 (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent 2 (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_