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The following are the current “Terms and Condition for Enrollment and Participation” in our Continuing Education (“CE”) Lesson and AquaKids Sharks Swim Team Programs. All the information contained herein is subject to change upon notice posted on our website at www.aquakidssharks.com. Please check the “News and Announcements” section of the home page on a regular basis for any updates or changes and announcements.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION

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AquaKids Continuing Education (CE) and AquaKids Sharks (AKS) Swimming Programs

1) Program Eligibility:

- a) “Angel Sharks” Continuing Education Lesson group is available after the completion of one session in our AquaKids Learn-to-Swim Program and space permitting.
- b) “Leopard, Sand and Bull Sharks” Continuing Education Lesson groups are available after a try-out and space permitting.
- c) Blue, Dusky, Hammerhead, Mako and Great White Sharks Swim Team groups are available after a try-out and space permitting. USA Swimming sanctioned competitions for those qualified are available as a part of the South Florida Aquatic Club.
- d) Whale and Basking Sharks (Masters/Adult) groups are available after a try-out.
- e) Our CE Lesson and Swim Team groups are available to the general public, however, we **DO NOT allow enrollment** if siblings are already enrolled/registered in a different swimming CE program or swimming team.

2) Registration and Financial Obligations:

The current Annual Swimmer Registration Fees and Monthly Dues (rates) are published in the program brochure and aquakidssharks.com. Although the dues and fees paid to the program are paid on a monthly basis, the fiscal operation of the program is not. Our budget is determined on a yearly basis. Your monthly dues payments contribute to the yearly expenses of the program and provide all the many “extras” we provide for our swimmers. It is, therefore, imperative for all AquaKids parents to pay their swimmer’s monthly installment on time. If there is a balance on your account on the 20th of the month, your swimmer will not be allowed to participate in any of our programs.

- A) REGISTRATION:** Swimmers MUST try-out and be placed in a class or group prior to registering. Once placed, registration is completed by going to our website at aquakidssharks.com. The AquaKids non-refundable registration fee (annual or seasonal depending on start date) and first month’s dues must be paid prior to the swimmer starting a practice or lesson. For competitive swimmers, the USA Swimming Registration Fee (annual or seasonal) is separate, non-refundable and must be completed prior to the swimmer entering a USA Swimming sanctioned meet. Our competitive swimmers race as a part of the South Florida Aquatic Club.

B) MONTHLY DUES AND OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

- 1) Dues are paid on a monthly or annual basis. These dues must be pre-paid in order for a swimmer to remain active in any of our programs.
- 2) All fees and dues are to be paid to: AquaKids. We accept cash, personal or business check. We also offer auto pay by ACH Bank Transfer, Debit or Credit Card on the website.
- 3) The monthly dues and any charges incurred are due and payable on or before the 1st of the month. Your monthly invoice is available to be viewed or printed from your online account at aquakidssharks.com on the 1st of every month. All of your account transactions balance and history is available online.
- 4) Payments are considered LATE after the 10th of the month. A **\$10 LATE FEE** will be added to the account if we do not receive payment by the 10th of the month.
- 5) **If the payment is not received in full by the 20th of the month, the swimmers on the account will not be allowed to participate in any AquaKids programs until payment is received or payment arrangements made with the Program Director.**
- 6) When a swimmer is moved from one group to another, he/she must pay the monthly fee for the highest group in which they participate starting the following month.
- 7) Our AquaKids SHARKS Competitive Swimmers race in USA Swimming sanctioned competition as a part of the South Florida Aquatic Club (SOFL-FG)! Each SoFLo swimmer's family is required to be a member of the SoFLo Booster Club which has an annual fee of \$120. Each family must also contribute 36 service hours to the SoFLo Booster Club. Full information is available by talking with our SoFLo Booster Club representative.

C) TEMPORARY INACTIVE STATUS: You have the option to not participate (go temporarily "inactive") in any given month. It is the responsibility of the person responsible for the account to **notify AquaKids, in writing** of their intention to **not participate in any given month by the 25th of the month prior and you MUST receive a reply email confirmation for the notification to be valid.** The best means of notifying us is by email at aksharks.swimteam@gmail.com to request the change of your swimmer's status to "inactive"! Failure to notify AquaKids in writing by the 25th of the month prior to the "inactive" status month will result in the obligation to pay that month's dues in full. Should you decide not to participate in any given month, you may return to the "CE" group on a space available basis only. On the AquaKids Sharks Swim Team, it is at the coach's discretion whether to allow a swimmer to return to the same level group after being "inactive" for one month or more.

D) DISCONTINUING THE PROGRAM: The person responsible for the account **MUST notify AquaKids, in writing** of their intention to terminate, or cancel participation **BY THE 25th OF YOUR LAST MONTH IN THE PROGRAM and you MUST receive a reply email confirmation for the notification to be valid.** The best means of notifying us is by email at: aksharks.swimteam@gmail.com. Failure to notify AquaKids in writing will result in the obligation to pay that month's dues in full. If a swimmer member quits the program or is dropped from the program because of an outstanding balance, overdue and current account balances are immediately payable in full.

E) RETURNED CHECKS & ACH Failures: There is a \$35 charge for checks (or ach debits) returned **for any reason.**

- 3) **Communication:** It is the swimmers and parent's responsibility to keep informed on the latest program and team announcements, news, practice and lesson adjustments, activities, results, special interest items and more.
- a) **VERIFY YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION:** You **MUST** verify the information in your online account at the time of registration to ensure you receive all our program communication via email and/or texts.
 - b) **WEBSITE:** www.aquakidssharks.com: Complete information is available on the website and most importantly, you will find any current announcements. Announcements are listed under "News and Announcements" on the home page.
 - c) **E-MAIL:** Written communication with us is best accomplished by emailing us at aksharks.swimteam@gmail.com.
 - d) **IN FINANCIAL MATTERS,** please only speak with the Program Director, the designated office staff member or email us at aksharks.swimteam@gmail.com. DO NOT speak with the on-deck Coaches about financial matters pertaining to your account or any "inactive" status requests!

4) **Class & Practice Cancellations:**

- a) Classes & Practices can only be cancelled by AquaKids Staff for a weather condition, holiday, or Westminster Christian School (WCS) closing.
- b) Call the WCS pool cell phone at 786-255-0284, **NO SOONER THAN ONE HALF HOUR** prior to your lesson or practice for the status. Remember, our weather changes rapidly. We make the best determination possible on the status of practices and lessons given the information we have at the current time.
- c) If Bull, Blue, Dusky, Mako, Hammerhead or Great White SHARKS swimmers are pulled from practice due to the weather, they must first check with their coach before leaving. Many times the team will be able to resume practice after a short time or continue the practice indoors or use the time for a team meeting. Inclement weather does not mean that there is no practice!

5) **Weather/Lightning Policy:**

Westminster Christian School has 2 Lightning Detection Systems; an Earth Network Lightning Detection System and the dtn WeatherSentry® weather monitoring service. As a storm approaches, the on-deck coaches will receive text messages as soon there is a lightning strike within 20, 10, and 5 miles. The Earth Networks system will sound an alarm when lightning occurs within 7.5 miles. We will remove all swimmers from the water and pool deck area at that time. The Earth Network system will sound the alarm 3 times to signify it's clear to return to the pool. We will also monitor any storms online through the dtn system's website and radar. If you (as a parent/guardian) feel uncomfortable at any time, please speak to your swimmer's coach and he or she will dismiss your swimmer.

6) **Make Up Policy:**

- a) CE Groups (Angel, Leopard and Sand Sharks): Make-ups are provided only for classes we cancel! Make-ups are usually scheduled on the Friday of the week of the cancelled lesson or on opposite days. You **MUST** sign up for the make-up lessons when offered in the pool office.
- b) We will not schedule a make-up if there are still 8 lessons available during the month.
- c) Make-ups are not carried over to another month.
- d) Maximum class size is waived during make-ups.
- e) Bull, Blue, Dusky, Hammerhead, Mako, Great White and Basking/Whale Sharks: Do not offer make-ups!