

**LAKE SHORE SWIM CLUB
PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

Lake Shore Swim Club was formed to provide a program for youth with the direct purpose and commitment to advance the sport of competitive swimming by providing swimmers with the highest quality coaching, and at the same time by providing an enjoyable and productive swimming environment. The ultimate goal of Lake Shore Swim Club is to recognize each youth's potential and provide each swimmer the opportunity to grow and succeed to their highest level. The expectation of LSSC is that both swimmers and parents will exhibit the highest standards of sportsmanship at all times while participating in all swimming events and practices. Parents have a key role in developing a positive team and family environment. In doing so, by signing this document parents agree to comply with and support the following rules that constitute the LSSC Parent Code of Conduct.

As a parent:

- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials and coaches at meets and practices.
- I will not coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at a practice or meets (from the stands or other areas) or interfere with coaches on the pool deck.
- I will ensure punctuality of my child at practices and at meets.
- I will not force my child to participate in sports and will promise not to re-live my athletic pursuits through my child.
- I will praise my child for trying hard, and will never ridicule or yell at my child or another participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will maintain self-control at all times. I understand that my role is that of a parent, not a coach, official or swimmer.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, degrading personal comments, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, parents, spectators and/or any participating swimmer will not be permitted or tolerated.
- I will support the swimmers, coaches, and other parents with positive communication and actions and not participate in idle gossip.
- I will abide by an official's decision and direct questions or concerns regarding such decisions to a member of LSSC's coaching staff. I will address officials via the LSSC coaching staff only.
- I will share the burden among parents by volunteering to time or assume other volunteer positions at meets at which our children are swimmers and at LSSC hosted meets.
- If I am not performing an official USA Swimming or LSSC function, I understand that I will not be allowed on deck at any meet or practice.
- I will promise to uphold the image of the Lake Shore Swim Club and to project an image that the team can be proud of.

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to the Lake Shore Swim Club, or USA Swimming, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action as specified in the Club By-Laws. By signing below, I hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by the Lake Shore Swim Club Parent Code of Conduct.

Date: _____

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature	_____ Parent/Guardian Signature
_____ Parent/Guardian – print name	_____ Parent/Guardian – print name

Swimmer(s) Names: _____
