



## **Parent's Code of Conduct**

Guelph Marlins Aquatic Club is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals (athletes, coaches, staff and families) are treated with respect, and provides a supportive environment. As a result, parents/guardians are expected to adhere to some basic guidelines which are provided below.

1. I will conduct myself at all times in a manner consistent with the values of The Guelph Marlins Aquatic Club, which include fairness, integrity and respect. This pertains to interaction with all athletes, other parents, officials, staff and coaches.
2. I will refrain from comments or behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, racist, abusive or sexist.
3. I will not engage in destructive gossip regarding coaches, staff, parents, athletes or officials.
4. **If I have questions or concerns with respect to my child's swim program, I should contact my child's coach directly. Any further concerns will be directed to the Head Coach. If my concern is still unresolved, I will contact the General Manager. If my concern is still unresolved I will contact the Board Director of Coaching.**
5. I will not approach coaches or officials on the swim deck during swim meets or during practices. Instead, I will arrange to meet with coaches before or after the sessions.
6. I will ensure that my child arrives at practice on time.
7. I will encourage a healthy lifestyle including nutritious foods and adequate sleep.
8. I will be supportive of my child and the team at all times, regardless of performance level.
9. I understand that volunteer organizations such as GMAC depend on the energy and goodwill of parents to fulfill numerous essential roles. When I have an issue with my parent rep, meet technical organizers or board members, I will respect that these are all volunteers working on my child's behalf. If I feel the need to take issue with any member of our "team", I will do so privately and directly with the people involved. If resolution is not achieved, I will contact the Club President.  
The order to discuss swimmer issues with are my child's coach, then the Head Coach if unresolved, and then the General Manager if still unresolved.  
Any issues with accounts are dealt with the General Manager.
10. I will ensure that my swimmer understands that Internet Web sites, such as, but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, on which people socialize and exchange information, shall not be used to post remarks or pictures that can be considered inflammatory, degrading, or in poor taste toward any other student athlete (GMAC or otherwise), coach, or volunteer.
11. I will support my swimmer and the Club by volunteering my time to assist in meets, social events and fundraising activities.

12. I will also have fun! I understand that failure to comply with these Codes may result in disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Directors, up to and including termination of membership.