Welcome to the Greenwood Tiger Sharks! We ask that you read this material carefully as we seek your cooperation and support in helping make your child’s membership with GTS a rewarding and worthwhile experience. Included is a code of conduct for coaches, swimmers and parents that must be signed annually to be part of the GTS team.

COACHING STAFF

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Communication/Resources

* Email is the primary communication from the team to parents/swimmers.
* Weekly newsletters will be sent via email every Monday
	+ Information on schedule changes
	+ Meet information and entry reminders
	+ Other timely information
	+ Articles from coaches and other sources
* Please refer to the following for additional information
	+ [www.greenwoodatc.com](http://www.greenwoodatc.com)
	+ [www.greenwoodtigersharks.com](http://www.greenwoodtigersharks.com)
	+ [www.coloradoswimming.org](http://www.coloradoswimming.org)
	+ [www.usaswimming.org](http://www.usaswimming.org)

Training Groups

* GTS offers four training groups: Red, Black, White and Sharks
* The coaching staff and head coach have final say on all group assignments
* Group assignments are subject to change by the coaching staff at any time throughout the swim season.

Meet Schedule

* Competition is important and highly encouraged for all levels of swimmers
* Meet schedules will be posted on the GTS website prior to the start of each Short Course and Long Course season
* Meet schedule is subject to change so please check regularly

Meet Entries

* Swimmers shall only attend “team designated” meets
* Entries must be submitted by the entry deadline, no late entries will be accepted
* Swimmers will have the ability to pick their events, however coaches will have final approval of all events
* It is each swimmer’s responsibility to double check your entry and notify the head coach of any corrections
* Entries will always be charged to your credit card on file, which must be kept up-to-date. Checks will not be accepted

Relay Entries

* Coaches are always in charge of relays
	+ If you cannot attend a meet with relays that you had entered, please inform the coaches ASAP
	+ Always check with the coaches before leaving a meet to see if you are in any relays
* Championship meet relays
	+ Always the four fastest swimmers/best possible relay
	+ It is the coach’s decision to enter ‘B’ relays and the coach’s responsibility to make sure ‘relay-only’ swimmers are available to attend the meet for a relay

GTS CODE OF CONDUCT: COACH

The purpose of this code of conduct is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship.

* At all times, adhere to USA Swimming’s rules and code of conduct
* Set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow
* Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event
* Treat opposing coaches, participants, and spectators with respect
* Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship
* Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language
* Win with humility and lose with dignity
* Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity
* Always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance

Any complaints of a coach violating this code of conduct will be brought to the attention of Crystal Garland crystalg@greenwoodatc.com (Aquatics Director) and Kelly Dugan kellyjeannedugan@comcast.net (Safe Sport Liaison).

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Coaches Signature Date

GTS CODE OF CONDUCT: ATHLETE

The purpose of a code of conduct for athletes is to establish a consistent expectation for athletes’ behavior. By signing this code of conduct, I agree to the following statements:

* I will respect and show courtesy to my teammates and coaches at all times
* I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all practices and meets
* I will set a good example of behavior and work ethic for my younger teammates
* I will be respectful of my teammates’ feelings and personal space. Swimmers who exhibit sexist, racist, homophobic, or otherwise inappropriate behavior will be faced with consequences
* I will show respect for all facilities and other property (including locker rooms) used during practices, competitions, and team activities
* I will refrain from foul language, violence, behavior deemed dishonest, offensive, or illegal
* If I disagree with an official’s call, I will talk with my coach and not approach the official directly
* I will obey all of USA Swimming’s rules and codes of conduct

I understand that if I violate this code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action determined by my coaches.

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Swimmer’s signature Date

GTS TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents. As a parent/guardian, I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child’s participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach the team. I agree with the following statements:

* I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities
* I will get involved by volunteering and timing at meets
* I will refrain from coaching my child during practices or meets
* Realize that swimmers become easily confused when coached by parents and benefit most from positive reinforcement of the professional coaching staff’s instructions and advice. Your unconditional love and support before and after races will help them best
* Recognize that GTS coaches are professionals and allow them to coach your child without interference during workouts and meets, including not being present on deck during practice or competitions unless you are working at the meet
* I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated
* I will respect the integrity of the officials

I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action.

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Parent’s signature Date