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Caiman Swim Team Handbook

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Practice Philosophy and Training Program

The Caiman swimming program is a well-planned and well-organized series of developmental stages implemented by the coaches and directed with a clear set of objectives. The main purpose of practice is to improve the swimmer's technique and increase his/her speed and endurance. Each practice will be targeted toward our goal of the week as determined by the coaches. There is a direct relationship between the amount of practice and the level of improvement. Targeted hard work at practices will show great improvement on the swimmer's times and endurance level. Practice is the key for a swimmer to become better.

The coaches recognize that attendance may be restricted by other activities as well as by studies. Nearly any swimmer's schedule can be accommodated if the swimmer or their parents discuss the situation with the coach in advance.

The Caimans would like to have every swimmer succeed at the highest possible level (Regional Championships, Age Groups, Seniors, Zones, Y Nats). If you have a conflict that makes the usual practice attendance difficult, discuss it with your coach so that they can make an appropriate arrangement. Changes in practice schedules do happen, especially during the winter months. These changes will be sent via email.

The annual swim season is long. It is comprised of two smaller seasons - short course and long course. Short course practices begin in September with competitions ending in March or early April. Competitions take place in 25-yard pools. The long course season starts in late April or early May. The last Long Course swim meets are in late July or early August. Competitions take place in 50-meter pools.

Attending Caiman practices for both the short and long course season helps your swimmer meet their goals by allowing the training program and practice goals to be met. Summer club practices are not the same as Caiman practices. One is not a substitute for the other and should not be viewed that way. Your year round club practice remains the key practice.



Practice

Good attendance is directly correlated with positive development. Caps must be worn by all swimmers, boys and girls. No other club teams may be represented in practice. In order to race with the caps, you must practice with them to become accustomed to them.

Parent Viewing

The NCY coaching staff encourages parents to watch practice from time to time. It's probably not best to watch practice every day nor is it healthy to never come to the pool. The reality of transporting young athletes and carpools is that many parents are present every day, however, you don't necessarily need to watch every minute of practice. Here are some important guidelines to keep in mind when observing a practice:

First, young swimmers want their parents' approval more than anything. If they know you are watching practice, it's only natural for some of their attention to be directed at you. However, for the swimmers to learn as much as possible, it is imperative that the coaches have your child's undivided attention during practice. We ask that you not communicate with your child during practice and compete with the coach for his/her attention.

Second, we insist that parents do not interrupt the coaches on deck while they are coaching. If you need to communicate with a coach, please do so before or after practice (if they are not coaching another group) or by appointment.

Third, our coaches spend a considerable amount of time planning weekly training sessions for each of their practice groups. Each training set or instructional drill has a purpose and one practice and/or practice set often builds on another throughout the week. If your child has not attended all practice sessions, you may not understand the purpose of what the swimmers are doing on any given day.

Finally, please do not try to coach your child based on what you see (or think you don't see) him/her do. Many times when teaching stroke skills, the coaches ask our swimmers to do things that might not look correct or might actually be illegal according to the rules but does have an important purpose in teaching skills (i.e.: swimming one-arm fly or breaststroke with a flutter kick).



With these various reasons in mind, we ask parents to stay off the pool deck during practices and not attempt to coach your child based on what you observe at practice.

Videotaping of swimmers during practice by anyone other than the Caimans Coaches is not permitted! Anyone observed videotaping practice will be asked to leave the spectator area immediately.

YMCA Policies

No Child Left Alone

Please note that **no child under the age of 12 can be unsupervised at the Y.** Children 11 years old and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Children under the supervision of a program director or coach are considered accounted for. We allow a 15-minute window before and after programs that children can wait for a ride. After that point, a parent or guardian will be contacted. Thanks for your help in keeping our children safe.

Coaches are responsible for coaching your swimmers not babysitting them. Please ensure your swimmers, under the age of 12, are not routinely dropped off or picked up longer than 15-minutes before or after their scheduled practice time. We understand circumstances arise that may affect this policy, please contact the YMCA front desk or your swimmer's coach to communicate any issues ahead of time. Coaches will do routine checks of the locker rooms, lobby and front entrance before, during and after practices to ensure this policy is upheld. Horseplay will not be tolerated in the locker rooms, lobby or front entrance before, during or after practices. Any swimmer who fails to follow the above policies will need to be escorted into and out of the pool area and under the supervision of a guardian while in the YMCA.

Parking and Pickup

Parents should come in when dropping off or picking up children 11 years old or younger. Please park in the parking lot when coming inside to drop off or pick up your child. Do not park in the childcare parking area or fire lane. If you are waiting outside to pick up your child, do not block the fire lane.



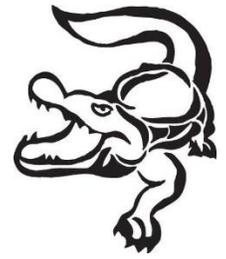
Digital Devices

Photography or video recording and the use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms.

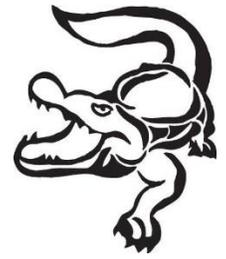
FEES

The New Canaan YMCA competitive swim program is affiliated with both the National YMCA and United States Swimming (USA). Our Local Swimming Committee is **Connecticut Swimming, Inc. (CSI)**. The fees indicated for our program are reflective of the Club's participation in both programs and are required of all participants.

- **YMCA MEMBERSHIP:** The Y membership fees are used for covering the actual YMCA facility expenses--use of pool, building, gym, lockers, showers, free weight room (high school and older),
- **PROGRAM FEES:** This fee covers the coaches' salaries and administrative costs. **The YMCA requires full payment of program fees upon registration and prior to the first day of practice.** Special payment plans may be extended to families in need for the program fee. Special Payment plans require an E-Wallet be set up with the Y with a valid credit card to be charged each month – no exceptions.
- **TEAM DUES:** Our team has established a system where the commitments necessary to run the club from a personal and financial standpoint can be met. We have expenses for running the team that the YMCA does not cover, i.e. printing, equipment, purchases, repairs, computer supplies, awards, coaches' clinics and certification, timing system, and travel expenses for coaches. Your family's Team Dues are determined at registration and must be paid in full at registration.
- **PRORATING POLICY:** No portion of the team dues will be prorated for any swimmer unless there is a medical reason. Our program is a year round program and is intended to be used as such.
- **PORTAL ACCESS FEE:** NCY Caimans subscribes to Team Unify for swim team management. Each member is able to access the team portal **ncyac.org**. The portal is used to manage registration, meet information, team events, volunteering and other team information.



- **USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP/REGISTRATION:** USA Swimming is the national governing body for swimming in the United States. The New Canaan YMCA Caimans Club is a member of USA Swimming through the Local Swimming Committee (LSC) of Connecticut Swimming Inc. NCY Caimans participates in USA sanctioned and YMCA meets throughout the course of the year. As a member of NCY Caimans, you are required to register with USA Swimming, in order to participate in these meets, as well as be insured while participating in practices and meets. A membership fee for each athlete is **effective from the September registration date through the December of the next year.**
- **USA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT:** All competitive NCY Caimans swimmers are required to participate in USA sanctioned meets as well as YMCA meets held during the year. Entry fees are charged for each event and swimmer at the time they are entered, regardless of whether they compete. Charges per event (Splash Fee) generally range from \$5.00-\$20.00 depending on the meet. The amounts indicated on the Program Fee Schedule under USA Fees include monies which will be held on deposit for each swimmer by the **NCY CAIMANS-STAFF**. The required deposit amounts were determined based upon average charges incurred in prior years by swimmers at each team level. When meet entries are submitted, each participating swimmer will be charged the appropriate fee against this deposit. This deposit **BALANCE** is refundable, to the extent it is not needed to fund meet activity or fulfill other NCY Caimans financial commitments. Swimmers may be asked during the course of the season to make additional deposits to their account, as they cannot be entered in a meet if their account has a negative balance. Requests for additional deposits, if needed, will be sent as appropriate. If at any time you have questions regarding a balance or meet charges, contact our **NCY CAIMANS-STAFF**. All requests for splash fee deposit return are due to the YMCA within 30 days of leaving the team. If such request has not been made, splash fees will be retained by the YMCA Caiman Parent Association.
- **The specific team fees and the New Canaan YMCA refund policy for aquatics teams are spelled out in the registration packet.**



Practice Groups

Seniors

Swimmers in this program concentrate on training for competition. In addition to acquiring advanced workout skills and experience, swimmers learn advanced methods of race training with the goal of qualifying for national level meets.

Junior Olympians

The "JO" group focuses on the transition from technique to training. While technique improvement is still a major priority, swimmers are introduced to training techniques designed to increase aerobic capacities as well as different race pace effort levels. Swimmers are expected to attend 5-6 practices per week.

Stars

Stars swimmers in this program concentrate on perfecting stroke technique in preparation for competition. They also learn the fundamentals of being a competitive swimmer, from practice habits to racing strategies. The goal of the Stars Squad is to build well-rounded swimmers who are working towards qualifying for CT State Championship meets.

Pride

The Pride swimmers learn the basic fundamentals of the sport focusing on each of the four strokes, push offs, starts and turns. There is an emphasis on drills and building confidence in the sport. The goals for the Pride group are to be able to swim each of the four strokes legally, to have the confidence to compete in swim meets, and most importantly to enjoy the sport.

Required Equipment:

We are an ARENA sponsored team. Our team apparel supplier is:
Swim `n Surf located at 43 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT. (203) 292-6351

It is mandatory that all swimmers have the necessary equipment for training and developmental purposes. Fins and snorkels are not supplied by the YMCA and there will be no extras available for hygiene purposes. All athletes must come to practice prepared with caps and goggles and appropriate team equipment.



Dryland Attire: T-shirts, Shorts, Sneakers, Water Bottle (no outside clothing will be allowed i.e. boots, crocs, flip-flops, jeans etc.)

Senior Team: Snorkel, fins, mesh bag, water bottle

JO Team: Snorkel, fins, mesh bag, water bottle

Star: Snorkel, fins, mesh bag, water bottle

Pride: Appropriate swimsuit, fins

Pre Caimans: Appropriate swimsuit, caps and goggles

Competition

Meet Info Availability: All information for meets will be available on Team Unify once Connecticut Swimming makes the information available. Meet information may also be found at ctswim.org

Sign Up Procedure: When the meet information becomes available to the coaches, each squad's coach enters ALL of their athletes. A preliminary entry will be sent out with a time limit for changes/corrections. After that time period, the entries are final and you are financially responsible for the meet entry fees. If, after the deadline passes and your swimmer cannot make the meet, you must email the coaching staff to let them know so that your child is not considered for relays at the meet. You will still be responsible for the meet fees if you miss the deadline.

Meet Arrival: Athletes are responsible for arriving at meets on time (15 minutes prior to the start of the first warm-up session). If you do not check in by this time you will be scratched from the meet. Please contact the coaches if you are on your way to the meet and running late.

During the Meet: All swimmers are to stay in the team area when not swimming. They must ask permission to leave the team area when not swimming. Swimmers are asked to speak with a coach prior to and after each race. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to know what events they are swimming as well as their heats and lanes. Event information will be posted in the team area and heat and lane assignments will always be posted in multiple locations on the pool deck.



After the Meet: All swimmers are expected to help clean the team area before leaving.

Relays: All relay decisions are up to the coach and will be determined at/during the meet. If you leave a meet early and it results in a relay scratch you will be held accountable for the \$20 scratch fee. If the relay is not scratched due to an alternate being found you will be charged a \$10 fee.

Trials / Finals Meets: All swimmers are required to swim finals if they qualify to do so. It is the swimmer's responsibility to check the results prior to leaving the pool after the trials session to confirm whether or not they are swimming in finals. After the conclusion of each event swimmers have 30 minutes to scratch out of that event for finals. On occasion, a swimmer who does not qualify to swim in the finals session will be scratched into finals because of other swimmers scratching out of that event, so it is important to wait until your swimmer's event closes before leaving the meet.

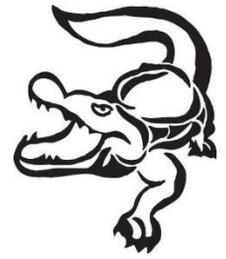
Parents of swimmers competing in finals are responsible for filling any volunteer jobs assigned to the team for the finals session, regardless of how many credits you have earned or sessions you have already worked at that particular meet.

Unattached: As a New Canaan Caiman you are not allowed to compete unattached with another team or organization except during the high school season. High School Team swimmers must swim as unattached when competing in a non-high school meet. They may participate as unattached, maximum of four (4) meets per season. Maximum of three (3) meets (high school or unattached) per week. Unattached swimmers may not swim relays.

Meet Conduct: Swimmers are also to remember they are representing NCY and are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. This includes no horse playing, use of foul language, derogatory comments, inappropriate displays of affection, or causing damage to the facility.

Technology: Digital devices will not be allowed during meets. We want the swimmers to be engaged in what is happening at the meet so they will cheer for their teammate as well as avoid missing any races.

Volunteers: Parents are not allowed on deck unless they are volunteering. These Parents may not approach any of the Coaches or swimmers unless it is within the scope of their volunteer job. Please refer to the Parent Volunteering Section of this Handbook for more information on Volunteering.



Airfare Policy

First time YMCA National Swimmers receive a 10% discount off airfare per year committed to the team. For example, a swimmer who has been on the team for six years will receive 60% off of the airfare price. A \$300 airfare for this swimmer results in a \$180 discount. This discount applies **only** to the first time the swimmer is attending a YMCA National Championship.

Apparel

Team Apparel: No other aquatic team caps or apparel other than NCY Caimans may be worn at a meet or at practice. If you arrive at a meet or practice wearing anything other than New Canaan Caimans apparel you will be asked to change. If you are unable to do so you will be scratched from the meet and be held responsible for those entry fees.

Meet Shirts:

Thursday: Choice

Friday: Red

Saturday: White

Sunday: Blue

Tech Suits

"Tech Suits" are engineered to reduce a swimmer's drag in the water, artificially enhancing performance. The Caiman Coaches do not believe it is appropriate for younger swimmers to use a swimsuit to this effect. We want our developing swimmers to value hard work, skill, and technique as the means to improvement. We feel that "tech suits" undermine these values. We will save the boost from a "fast suit" for when our swimmers are older. Tech Suits may be worn only at Trials/Finals Meets, Championships or if directed by a coach.

Transfers

Release forms are needed for transferring swimmers. This is done online at www.ctswim.org.

The NCY Caimans swim team reserves the right to withhold the release of a swimmer if their family's financial status with the team is in arrears.

The NCY reserves the right to deny the request of release to a swimmer transferring to a neighboring team within 90 days of a YMCA championship meet.



Private Lessons

“Private instruction is impossible at a team practice. Most instruction is given at a group level and the swimmer that pays attention is the one that gains” said Daniel Brand.

That being said, the Caiman coaches are happy to schedule private lessons. Receiving private lessons from your swimmers year round club coaches is more valuable than going to “outside” coaches. This is driven by the fact that these coaches know the lesson plan, goals, and objectives for each squad. They know where your swimmer is in their training and what is coming down the road for their training.

Receiving “outside” coaching can be confusing for the swimmer. Just as getting “coaching” from parents results in conflict and confusion for the swimmer, so does outside instruction. If you feel your swimmer(s) are not getting what they need out of practice please discuss this with their coach.

As Michael Brooks (a former head coach for the North Baltimore Aquatic Club) said in July 2002:

“DON’T coach your kids. If the swimmer is hearing one story from his coach and another from his parent, we have one confused swimmer. A swimmer must have trust in his coach and in the program, and he will not if his parents are implicitly telling him they know best. If you have concerns about the coaching or the program, your best course is to find a team whose coach you trust. Your swimmer has a coach; she needs you to be a parent”.

Nutrition

Before Practice

A lot of energy is spent and a lot of fluids are lost during practice. It is important to have a snack and be well hydrated before practice. Carbohydrates provide energy to your muscles during practice. Oatmeal, fruit, bagel, whole wheat or whole grain toast or crackers, yogurt are good examples to have before practice.

Before Meet

Eat two to three hours before your race time. This allows you time to digest your food. Avoid fatty or spicy foods and do not over eat before a meet. Complex carbohydrates and some protein are longer lasting and will provide you fuel throughout the meet. Some suggestions include eggs, whole grain bread and pasta, turkey sandwich, cottage cheese, oatmeal, sweet potatoes and yams, whole grain toast with nut butter, whole grain waffles with sliced fruit.



During Meet

Eat small amounts of carbohydrate rich foods. Fruits (fresh and dried), yogurt, dry whole grain cereal, granola or energy bars are good to have between races. Chocolate milk, fruit, dried fruit and fruit smoothies help restore used up energy after races. If you have longer amounts of time between races pasta, bagel or a simple sandwich will fill you a little more. Vegetables, nuts, crackers, pretzels and, trail mix are also good snacks. Do not over fill yourself. Avoid snacks with processed or refined added sugars such as cookies, cake, and candy. Don't forget your water bottle. Drink plenty of water.

After Meet

Refuel after a meet by eating a healthy meal with a balance of protein, carbohydrates, and healthy fat. Pasta with meat sauce, bean burritos with rice, eggs, fish, green vegetables, rice, fruit and a sandwich are suggestions to eat after a meet. Avoid fast food especially if you are racing again the next day. Remember to drink plenty of fluids to rehydrate.

Hydration

Staying well hydrated is important for optimal performance. Dehydration can decrease the body's capacity to do work by about 30%. Plain water is the best fluid choice to maintain hydration and to replenish the body of fluids lost during practice and competition. The easiest way to tell whether you are hydrated enough is to check the color of your urine. Your urine should be clear to light yellow if you are adequately hydrated.

Sports Drinks

Sports drinks contain carbohydrates, minerals, and electrolytes that are best used for replacement of fluids lost during prolonged and vigorous exercise. Sports drinks also contain extra calories and can contribute to weight gain. It is unnecessary to have sports drinks during or after practice. Water is your best choice.

Energy Drinks

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children and adolescents do not consume energy drinks. Energy drinks contain unregulated amounts of stimulants such as caffeine, guarana, taurine which have been linked to harmful health effects in children and adolescents on their developing neurologic and cardiovascular systems such as irregular heartbeat, increased blood pressure and even sudden death. Other harmful effects include anxiety, insomnia, digestive problems, and dehydration. **Energy drinks are never appropriate for children and adolescents.** Common energy drinks include Red Bull, Monster, NOS, 5-hr Energy and Rockstar.



Senior Volunteering

Senior swimmers are responsible for six (6) hours of giveback to the team. The giveback hours will be spent coaching either the pre-caiman or pride squads. There will be a sign-up sheet available for swimmers to choose days and times that work best for them. If a swimmer does not show up for the time he/she has chosen, 30 minutes will be added to their give back hours. **Senior swimmers who have not volunteered 6 hours may not compete in Championship meets. Swimmers may instead choose to pay a penalty of \$500 per outstanding hour and compete in their Championship meet at the end of the season.**

Parent Volunteering

All parents need to share in staffing jobs necessary to run home and away meets as well as team special events. Mandatory Work Points (MWP's) are a way of representing these work requirements parents need to fulfill each season. MWP's are assigned at the beginning of each season and need to be worked off by accumulating credits through participation in meets and special event activities. Six (6) Mandatory Work Points (MWP) are assigned to each family for their first child. One (1) MWP is added for each additional swimmer. Failure to work off all assigned MWP's will result in an assessed fine of \$200 per outstanding MWP (as calculated at the end of the season). Failure to pay the levied fine will result in the suspension of a family's membership in the team and all swimmers' participation on their respective squads until such time as the fine is paid in full.

Volunteer Credit Account

You may view your volunteer credit status on Team Unify by following these instructions.

- a. Sign in
- b. Select "My Account" left side of page
- c. Scroll down to and select "\$My Invoice/Payment"
- d. Select "Service Hours" tab
- e. Scroll to the right to view jobs completed and credited
- f. MWP/Credit balance is the last column on the right



Officials

Officials ensure swim meets are run according to the USA Swim rules. Parents may volunteer to become officials. Certification is acquired through usaswimming.org and ctswim.org. Annual USA registration is required and reimbursed by the team for officials. A receipt must be submitted for reimbursement. Other expenses related to being an official e.g. background checks, uniforms shirts, travel are not reimbursed. Officials receive two (2) volunteer credits per session worked. Officials should also be available to work as many sessions as possible for home meets. As needed, officials are expected to volunteer in another capacity if they are not officiating in a given session.

Athlete Communication

Athlete's parents at the beginner level will have full communication with coaching staff. As the Athlete moves up in the program they will be expected to communicate with coaches, while parents have some aid in this process. Pre-Caimans: Parent to Coach, Pride: Parent to Coach, Star: Athlete and Parent to Coach, JO: Athlete to Coach, Senior: Athlete to Coach. For example, if an Athlete is interested in swimming a specific event at the upcoming meet it is their responsibility to meet with their coach and discuss.

Parent Communication

Coaches are always available to speak with parents to discuss their swimmers. Please do not interrupt coaches during practices and meets. You may contact coaches by email and/or schedule an appointment.

Parent Meetings

Coaches hold monthly parent meetings during the short course season. It is important to attend these meetings to understand the swim program, training, meets, tech suits and other general team information. If you are unable to attend a meeting, please be sure to get the meeting details from another parent.



New Canaan YMCA Caimans

Athlete Code of Conduct

GENERAL CONDUCT

1. Team members will practice teamwork and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors and the public by supporting the YMCA core values of respect, honesty, caring and responsibility.
2. All NCY swimmers are expected to be active participants in the NCY Program. This includes attending practice, meets and team functions unless otherwise excused or instructed by the Head Coach.
3. When wearing any item representing NCY, the athlete should remember that his/her actions and words reflect on the team.
4. Coaches may dismiss an athlete from NCY related activities if he or she disrupts and/or limits the performance of another athlete in practice or at meets.
5. No athlete will physically assault a teammate, competitor, parent or coach.
6. Verbal violence and/or disrespect will not be tolerated from any athlete.
7. The consumption or purchase of alcohol, tobacco products or use of any illegal drug or substance is prohibited. Any team member found to be in possession of or partaking of any of the above activities will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion from NCY.
8. Photography or video recording and the use of audio or visual devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

PRACTICE AND MEET CONDUCT

1. Athletes will be punctual and prepared for every training session. **PUNCTUAL:** arrive 10 min before practice starts, either in a suit, cap and goggles and ready to swim or if there is dryland, in appropriate clothing. **PREPARED:** athletes will be ready to work and will have all necessary training equipment and water bottle.
2. Swimmers must notify coaches if they will be late or have a conflict with any practice session.
3. Athletes are responsible for knowing the location and time of their meet session
4. All athletes must arrive 15 minutes before the start of the scheduled warm-up and be prepared to swim. The Coach must be notified in advance if an athlete will be late to warm-ups or not attending a session.
5. All team members are expected to wear NCY team suit and caps. No other team apparel from other teams will be permitted during meets.
6. No digital devices are allowed during a meet session.
7. No horse playing, use of foul language, derogatory comments, inappropriate displays of affection, or causing damage to the facility is allowed.
8. Swimmers are expected to speak with a coach before and after each of their events.



9. In prelim/finals meets, all swimmers who qualify to compete in finals are expected to participate in finals.
10. Swimming in a relay is an honor and privilege and not a right at any level of competition. Competing in a relay is mandatory when a swimmer has been assigned.
11. Questions athletes have concerning meet results, an officiating call or the conduct of the meet should be directed to the NCY Coaches. The coaches will pursue the matter through the appropriate channels.
12. Team members must check with the coaches prior to leaving a meet.
13. As a matter of team pride and courtesy to the meet host, swimmers are expected to leave the NCY team area in a neat and clean condition at the conclusion of each session.

TEAM TRAVEL CONDUCT

1. All team members are reminded that when traveling with the team, you are representing yourself and NCY. Your behavior must positively reflect the high standards of NCY.
2. All swimmers traveling with the team will attend all team functions and are expected to know all travel/meeting schedules and strictly adhere to them.
3. Swimmers of opposite gender are not permitted in hotel rooms with each other unless supervised by a chaperone or coach.
4. Swimmers are to refrain from inappropriate physical contact.
5. When traveling, swimmers are expected to be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and other hotel guests.
6. Violations of these rules will result in disciplinary actions, including the possibility of being sent home at the expense of the swimmer's family.



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Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent of a swimmer and a member of NCY, I will abide by the following guidelines:

1. Practice teamwork with all parents, swimmers and coaches by supporting the YMCA core values of respect, honesty, caring and responsibility.
2. As a parent, I will not coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at a practice or meets (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with coaches on the pool deck.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials and the coaches at meets and practices.
4. Maintain self-control at all times. Know my role:

Swimmers – swim

Coaches – coach

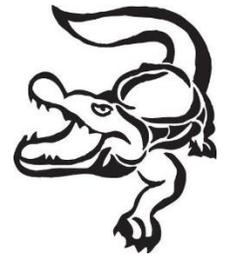
Officials – officiate

Parents – parent

5. As a parent, I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward the coaches, officials, and/or any participating swimmer will not be permitted or tolerated.
6. Enjoy involvement with NCY by supporting the swimmers, coaches and other parents with positive communication and actions.
7. As a parent, I will reinforce with my swimmer all NCY team policies including the use of digital devices and the NCY Athlete Code of Conduct. I will also reinforce the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.
8. During competitions, questions or concerns regarding decisions made by meet officials are directed to a member of our coaching staff. Parents address officials via the coaching staff only.
9. Parents will not be on the pool deck during practices or competitions.
10. Parents may not video record any child during any practice.
11. At meets, parents may not video record any child not their own without the consent of the parent or guardian of the child to be recorded.

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to NCY, CT Swimming or USA Swimming, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action.





New Canaan Caimans

2017-2018

Parent and Athlete Agreement

I have read and understood the expectations set forth for the 2017-2018 season. I agree to the preceding policies and procedures demonstrated by the New Canaan YMCA Caimans.

Swimmer Name (Print) Swimmer Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Please sign and return this form to the coaches no later than _____! Failure to do so will result in swimmer sitting out during practice until this signed form is received.