**Gator Swim Club Practice Policies**

**Swimmer Drop Off Policy:**

* Drop off no earlier than 20 minutes before practice begins.
* Swimmers that are dropped off at the pool, but do not swim for some reason should check in with a GSC coach (preferably their group coach) to explain why they will not be practicing.
* Swimmers must be wearing shoes until they come onto the pool deck.

**Swimmer Pick Up Policy:**

* If a swimmer has to get out of practice early, the swimmer should tell their coach at the beginning of practice.
* If a swimmer needs to use the restroom during practice, the swimmer needs to communicate that with their coach before leaving the practice.
* Swimmers must have shoes on when they leave the pool deck.
* Swimmer must be picked up within 20 minutes of the completion of their practice. If you have an emergency and you will be a little later, please be sure your swimmer is not waiting in front of the UF Swimming & Diving building alone.
* If a swimmer is waiting for more than 20 minutes after the end of their practice, and there are still GSC practices being held at the outdoor pool, the swimmer must wait with the coach of the later practice on the outdoor pool deck. Parents must park and come in to get the swimmer. When there is no late practice, a coach will wait with the swimmer in front of the UF Swimming and Diving building.
* UFPD has asked that parents/ guardians dropping off and picking up pull in to the Orange parking lot located between the Swimming & Diving building and the baseball field. Please do not use the bike lane as pick up and drop off lane. UFPD can ticket you for parking in the bike lane.

**Parents’ Practice Policy:**

* Parents assisting young swimmers in the locker room must use the locker room that matches the parent’s gender.
* *Parents are asked to stay off of the pool deck during practice.*
* In the indoor pool at the O’Connell Center, parents are asked to watch from the balcony above the pool.
	+ In the case of an event at the O’Connell Center, and the balcony above the indoor pool is closed, parents may watch from the deck, but they must be seated along the stands side of the pool. Equipment on the deck (Vasa and row machines, trampolines, etc.) is for the use of UF Varsity Swimming and Diving only. Parents and spectators may not, at any time, sit on or near any equipment.
* At the outdoor pool at the O’Connell Center, parents are asked to remain behind the wall at the west end of the pool. Please do not sit on the wall.
* At the Northeast pool, parents are asked to remain at the scoreboard side of the pool.