

# CVST SWIMMING

## **Carrollwood Village Swim Team 2020-2021 Team Handbook**

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## **PREFACE**

This is a living document and is intended to provide information and also be a guide for the parents and the swimmers of the Carrollwood Village Swim Team. All information in this Handbook is subject to change without notice. Please check the CVST Website ([www.CVST.org](http://www.CVST.org)) on a regular basis for any changes.

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Specific questions regarding your child's practices and or development should be discussed directly with your child's Coach. Please contact your child's Coach to make an appointment.

### **TEAM MOTTO**

*"The Will To Win, Is Not Nearly As Great As the Will To Prepare To Win."*

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## On-line Handbook

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## CARROLLWOOD VILLAGE SWIM TEAM

### HISTORY & PURPOSE

The Carrollwood Village Swim Team (CVST) is a year-round competitive swim program, which swims under the guidance of USA Swimming, Inc, is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs, is affiliated with the Carrollwood Country Club, through membership requirements and is affiliated with the Private Club League (PCL). The purpose of the CVST organization is to select, train, and develop swimmers of various ages and abilities, ranging from younger and beginning swimmers to nationally ranked senior competitors. While competition is important, the CVST Coaching Staff feels that self-discipline, sportsmanship, and the team camaraderie that swimming offers will be lifelong benefits to all participants.

CVST emerged as the top PCL team in the middle '70's before expanding to a year-round program and leaving the PCL. Now CVST is recognized as having one of the finest year-round programs in the State of Florida and has since rejoined the PCL. CVST is at based out of the Carrollwood Country Club and all team members must also be members of the Club or grandchildren of Club members.

### MISSION STATEMENT

CVST gives young people a chance to compete from local to national levels in competitive swimming while becoming excellent students and citizens for the future, all while providing a safe, healthy, and positive environment allowing each child to grow, develop and excel through the values competitive swimming instills.

### OBJECTIVES

The CVST program is designed by professional coaches interested in helping develop successful people as well as successful swimmers by:

1. Providing safe opportunities for social and emotional development, as well as cultural and educational growth.
2. Instilling an appreciation for the potential of high self-esteem, the value of hard work, and the importance of good sportsmanship.
3. Providing a high level of instruction, training and competition.
4. Motivating young people to achieve the most from themselves, to be "the best they can be," to reach their full potential.

### TEAM STRUCTURE

Placement of each swimmer depends mainly on practice ability, but other factors include attitude, attendance, desire to improve, age, emotional maturity and space availability. Each swimmer will be placed in the practice group that the Coaching Staff feels is appropriate for his or her current development.

**Senior 1** - Designed especially for older swimmers proficient in all the strokes. Dedication, desire, maturity and responsibility must be present to enable the swimmer to climb the ladder of success to national and international levels of competition. Practice Requirements – 100% = all practices offered. See Practice Calendar.

**Senior 2** - Emphasis is on conditioning, with mechanics being taught to ensure the swimmers success in his/her quest to rank among the top swimmers in his age group. Designed especially for the better than average age group swimmer. Ability to handle challenging practices and sound knowledge of the strokes is a must. Practice Requirements – 100% = may miss one (1) practice per week during School Year & two (2) practices per week during the summer (for example 5 of 6 in the winter or 9 of 11 in the summer). See Practice Calendar.

**Gold** - Transitional group in which the swimmer moves from primarily stroke instruction and an introduction to competitive training to more serious and strenuous competitive training. Careful attention is still devoted to stroke technique, but greater emphasis is placed on learning to training hard, and building endurance. Practice Requirements - 100% = four (4) practices per week. See Practice Calendar.

**Silver** – Another transitional group in which the swimmer moves from mostly stroke instruction and an introduction to competitive training to more serious competitive training. Careful attention is still devoted to stroke technique, but greater emphasis is placed on learning to training, and building endurance. Practice Requirements - 100% = four (4) practices per week. See Practice Calendar

**Bronze** - Developmental competitors. Emphasis is on developing the fundamentals of the four competitive strokes, but more importantly learning to have fun with swimming. Practice Requirements - 100% = three (3) practices per week. See Practice Calendar.

### SWIM YEAR

The CVST swim year is broken into three sessions of four months each as follows:

Fall - September through December

Winter - January through April

## Summer - May through August

An occasional physical and mental break is appreciated by all of us involved in swimming - coaches, swimmers and parents alike. There will be short breaks during the fall session at Christmas and Thanksgiving, and a longer break at the end of the summer session, some years depending on the calendar, there may also be a short break during the Winter Session.

All swimmers and parents are asked to remember that consistency cannot be emphasized enough. Consistency is extremely important in the amount of daily effort expended in workouts. We expect an occasional down day due to illness or other factors, but the best results come from consistent 100% effort.

We must assume that all swimmers on the team are here because they want to be. With this in mind, the motivation of the swimmer will not only be easier for us, but it will be greatly reflected in their attitudes and daily effort. We emphasize to the swimmers that what they put into the workouts, they will get out of them and eventually realize the benefits at the swim meets. Hence the CVST Team Motto: "The Will To Win Is Not Nearly As Great As The Will To Prepare To Win."

The team's daily practice group schedules are published under the "Calendars" menu on the team's web site ([www.CVST.org](http://www.CVST.org)).

### **TARDINESS**

There is nothing more disruptive to a coach and his workout organization than to have swimmers entering the workout late. Please do all that you can to be on time and in the water at the time the workout is scheduled to begin (swimmers who are late for a practice may not be allowed to swim that day). Also it is very important that parents are prompt when picking their swimmer(s) up after practice. The Coaching Staff is busy coaching and not available to chaperone and baby-sit. As a rule, swimmers should arrive at the pool no earlier than ten minutes prior to a practice and should be picked up no later than ten minutes after a practice.

### **ILLNESS AND INJURY**

If a swimmer is ill or injured and cannot attend a workout, it is his/her responsibility to call the Tennis & Aquatic Center (TAC)/Coach and advise the Coaching Staff prior to that practice. The TAC has a receptionist, so a message can be taken and delivered to the Coach. Do not use e-mail or texting for this purpose as our coaches do not usually carry cell phones on deck. If you are ill or injured or cannot swim do not come to practice without making prior arrangements with your group coach. Swimmers who show up and are injured, sick or cannot swim will be sent home.

### **VACATION POLICY**

Anyone planning a vacation must notify the Coaching Staff of the dates in advance and in writing. This is a great help to the staff. All too often an entire family will disappear without notifying the Coaching Staff, and we naturally assume the swimmers have quit for some reason. Parents are asked to try to schedule around team and championship meets. Please be sure to check all meet dates before scheduling vacations, especially the two major events hosted by CVST, the Boys & Girls Club National Swimming Championships (late March or early April) and the Tampa Bay Swim Classic (late May or early June). The exact dates of these meets are posted on the CVST web site at [www.CVST.org](http://www.CVST.org).

### **PARENTS AT WORKOUTS**

To avoid distractions to the swimmers and Coaches while in practice, parents are not allowed on the deck during practices and parents should never try to talk to their children during a practice without going through the Coaches first. Parents may observe practices from the east end of the pool. If you would like to discuss the progress of your child, please contact your child's Coach to set up an appointment. Meetings will be scheduled at a convenient time for the Coach and parent, but they will not take place during a practice.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

The success of any swim program depends greatly on the amount of parental help and number of volunteers. The team parent group often reflects the overall quality and level of standards maintained in a swimming organization such as CVST. There are many areas in which one can contribute his or her time and effort. There is always a need for timers, officials, etc., at swim meets. Activities must be well planned and organized; carpools must be formed; records must be maintained; fundraisers must be organized, etc. The list is endless. If you are interested in becoming more involved, please contact the CVST Vice-President, or any member of the CVST Swim Board.

### **CVST SWIM BOARD**

The officers of the Organization shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Co-Treasurers, and at least two (2) Athlete Representatives (The immediate Past-President may also sit on the Board as a non-voting member).

The President may call meetings of the Swim Board when he/she shall deem necessary, shall preside at all meetings of said Board and meetings of the Organization and generally shall perform such other duties as appertain to the office of the President.

The Vice-President shall have the power to perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or inability to act and such other duties as are delegated to him/her by the President. The Vice President is also charged with organizing the CVST Calling

Committee when it is in place and working with the Hospitality Director to organize CVST Social Events, including the Annual Awards Banquet.

The Secretary shall keep permanent records and the minutes of the Swim Board and Organization Meetings and keep a permanent attendance record. In addition, the Secretary shall prepare official correspondence as required in the conduct of the Organizations business.

The Co-Treasurers shall receive all monies of the Organization and pay all bills approved by the President or the Vice-President or by the Swim Board, except expense items (\$500.00 or less) approved by the Head Coach and supported by receipts; Meet Entry Fees; and Coaches Travel expenses that are supported by receipts and approved by the Head Coach. The Treasurers shall report at each meeting of the Swim Board regarding income, disbursements and balance on hand. They shall, whenever required by the Swim Board, submit and turn over to said Swim Board all monies, account books, papers, vouchers and records of any kind, including bank and check books, pertaining to their office and shall turn over the same to their successors when elected. They shall submit to the Swim Board for approval the proposed budget for the year. They shall submit a final written report at the end of the year, which shall include, but not be limited to, in reasonable detail a record of income and disbursements for the year. They shall see to the registration of members into the Carrollwood Village Swim Team; Florida Swimming, Inc., of United States Swimming; the Boys & Girls; Carrollwood Country Club.

The Athlete Representatives will be responsible for communicating between the Swim Board and the Athletes. These Athletes will have full Swim Board voting rights.

A Past-President may sit on the Swim Board as a non-voting member, to help to ensure a smooth transition and maintain historical background between the past Swim Boards and the current Swim Board.

Optional Swim Board Committees, Chairs and their duties are specified below (when active).

The Meet Director(s), with the Coaching Staff and Home Meet Director(s), will plan and administer meets that CVST hosts, including dual and invitational meets, ensuring that all aspects of the meets are organized and planned. He will also work with the Advertising Director in the organization and preparation of the programs, which include advertising, for the various meets which the Organization sponsors.

The Home Meet Director(s) shall assist the Meet Director(s) performing what duties are delegated to him/her by the Meet Director(s). She will also run all meets which are hosted by CVST at the Carrollwood facility.

The New Parent Liaison will help acclimate new parents and families to the team. This person will host informational meetings and distribute information among other things.

The Alumni Director shall direct and oversee all communications with and activities for the CVST Alumni and assist all other Swim Board Members and Committee Chairpersons with activities involving Alumni.

The Swim Shop Director will work with the Head Coach and Treasurers in providing pieces of the team uniform and various training equipment to be made available to members of the Organization through the CVST Swim Shop. He/she will also work with the Official Team Supplier (Swim Shop) to provide other necessary uniform and equipment needs for the team.

The Fund Raising Director shall work with the President and Treasurers in the organization of events offered by the Program in an effort to raise funds.

The Advertising Director's responsibility is to organize and administer the Organizations Advertising Strategy for the year and, in conjunction with the Meet Director, organize and administer the Annual Team Sponsor Campaign, Tampa Bay Swim Classic and Boys & Girls Club National Championships Ad Campaigns for the year.

The Publicity Director will work with the Coaching Staff in an effort to gain publicity for the program and its members through all types of media.

The Hospitality Director will work with the Vice-President of the organization to arrange the Annual Parent's Holiday Party, the Annual CVST Family Night and other social events offered within the organization.

The Masters Team Director will be responsible for communicating between the Swim Board and the Masters Program.

Anyone interested in getting more involved with the team is strongly encouraged to contact any Swim Board member.

### **CVST WEB SITE ([www.CVST.org](http://www.CVST.org))**

The CVST Web Site is the organization's primary information source. It is a comprehensive site including everything you will need to know about the program, from best times to meet information, from CVST's latest news to directions to meets and much more. It is also your source for your CVST Account Information, Billing, Swim Meet/Event Registration, and more.

## **CVST E-MAIL, SMS & PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**

The CVST E-mail is used when deemed necessary by the Head Coach or the Swim Board, to get CVST information, to all team families and others signed up for this service. All CVST Athletes Families are automatically signed up for this service through their CVST web site registration.

The SMS (Text) System & Push Notification System have been put in place to assist the Coaching Staff and Swim Board in getting important urgent information out to the team on short notice. The SMS Updates although optional, are highly recommended and are used for items such as weather updates, practice cancellations, day of meet information and other situations requiring immediate attention. You must sign-up for this option on the CVST website under your account log-in.

## **ONDECK – CVST WEB SITE MOBILE APPLICATION**

Meet OnDeck, the most revolutionary mobile swim team application for swim parents is ready for you to download now! Even better, OnDeck is Free!

TeamUnify (the provider of our Swim Team Management Software and website host) has a mobile application that will help you get more information about the swim team at your fingertips! OnDeck is a FREE Apple iOS application for any iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad user from the Droid Market. With OnDeck you'll be able to access an astonishing amount of team information and interact with your swimmer's results, standards, attendance and much more!

OnDeck is Easy to Install and Use. Here's how:

- Visit the Apple App Store from your Apple iOS device or the Market from your Droid device
- Tap the "Search" menu item at the bottom of the screen
- Type in OnDeck
- Tap on "OnDeck" [Don't Download "OnDeck" [You will not be able to sign-in]
- Install for Free

How to Sign-Into OnDeck:

- Launch OnDeck on your Apple iOS Device
- Fill-in the Username and Password Field. Use your same credentials as our team website.
- Team Alias Field: Type in: flcvst
- Once you've filled in these fields tap the "Log In" button
- You'll be asked to Sync - Please do this. (Note: the first sync can take multiple minutes).

What does TeamUnify's OnDeck do?

- View Your Account & Swimmers
  - Attendance history
  - All meet results by swimmer
  - Best times
  - Upcoming swim meets
  - And more...
- Swim Meet Management [Time races and compare to all other swims]
- Easily compare race results to local, LSC, Y and National Time Standards
- View all Swim Meet Results for our team
- Job Sign-Ups [View all events with Jobs and sign-up for those jobs]
- Full detailed Attendance Tracking reports for each child. [Selectable date ranges, distance swum plus more]
- View our Team News
- Splits Math Calculator [Interactive goal setting tool]
- And More...

You'll find lots of personalization options to make OnDeck uniquely yours.

Access OnDeck training and educational videos within our team website. Once you are logged in, locate these by going to "My Account" and then "My Tutorials". Select the Blue HERE link to launch the video player. To receive updates about the OnDeck software and TeamUnify please become a fan of their Facebook page.

## **CVST SOCIAL MEDIA (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)**

CVST currently has three Social Media Outlets which are used by the team:

1. Facebook – [www.Facebook.com/CVSTSwimming](http://www.Facebook.com/CVSTSwimming) is used to promote the team and get information out to members, alumni, supporters and the general public about CVST Swimming and what is happening with the team. The page is run by the CVST Coaching Staff.
2. Twitter – [www.Twitter.com/CVSTSwimming](http://www.Twitter.com/CVSTSwimming) is used to promote the team and get information out to members, alumni, supporters and the general public about CVST Swimming and what is happening with the team. The page is run by the CVST Coaching Staff.

3. Instagram – [www.instagram.com/CVSTSwimming](http://www.instagram.com/CVSTSwimming) is used to promote the team and get information out to members, alumni, supporters and the general public about CVST Swimming and what is happening with the team. The page is run by the CVST Coaching Staff.

See *CVST Electronic Communication Policy*.

### **CVST Team Feed**

CVST also has its own internal media feed, which can be used by registered CVST Members through OnDeck, our Team App or by CVST Team Members as well as Non-Member through the CVST Website. This is a primary form of information for the team, as well as friends of CVST.

### **OFFICIATING**

Swimming Officials are usually parents of swimmers who enjoy the responsibility of working at a swim meet. Anyone willing to put in the time is usually capable of becoming an Official. There are Certified Officials, which are the people wearing whites and are running and controlling the meets. And there are the Officials that do not require certification, such as timers, runners, meet directors, etc.

The first step of officiating is usually timing. If you enjoy being on the deck and like meet participation, the next step is to become a Certified Stroke and Turn Judge. To do this, you must attend a stroke and turn clinic, work as an apprentice under a Certified Official, and pass a written exam. The next level of officiating is the Starter. To become certified, you must attend a clinic, work as an apprentice starter under a Certified Starter and pass a written exam. The Deck Referee and Meet Referee are the highest Certified Officials on deck and to attain these certifications, one must attend a clinic, work as an apprentice, and pass a written exam. Once an Official becomes certified in our LSC (Florida Swimming), they are qualified to apply for national certification and may then work any USA Swimming meet in the country.

Please realize that according to the Florida Swimming Rule Book (223.4), Year-round teams (which were registered as of January 1 of the previous year) shall be required to have Certified Officials within its membership in order to host a meet.

- 0 - 50 Swimmers - 1 Certified Official
- 50 - 100 Swimmers - 2 Certified Officials (1 other than Stroke & Turn Judge)
- 100 - + Swimmers - 3 Certified Officials (2 other than Stroke & Turn Judge)

### **CVST SWIM SHOP**

The CVST Swim Shop is offered to CVST team members as a service of the CVST Coaching Staff.

The CVST Swim Shop is a combination of phone, web and direct sales through the Swim Shop Director: You can purchase CVST Swim Caps and other specialty items by contacting the Swim Shop Director, contact information is available under the Swim Shop tab on the CVST website, or by seeing your practice group coach at the pool during non-practice hours. .

CVST swimmers are required to have certain Training Equipment and Team Uniform Items for Swim Meets (see list of required equipment on CVST web site at [www.CVST.org](http://www.CVST.org)). Swimmers who do not have the required Training or Meet Equipment or Uniforms may be sent home from practice or a meet.

Where to get your Training Equipment / Meet Uniforms:

- CVST's SwimOutlet.com Portal for Team T-Shirts and other specialty items (This portal is available on the Front page of CVST.org or through the Swim Shop tab. CVST receives a 7% charitable donation from SwimOutlet.com for everything purchased through the portal.
- Total Team Wares (1-800-888-8843) for CVST Team Suits & Training Equipment.
- Finis ([www.finisinc.com](http://www.finisinc.com)) for CVST Training Equipment (Try using "CVST" in the discount code area
- CVST Swim Shop for Team Caps & Special Order Items.

### **TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

All CVST swimmers are required to have certain training equipment depending which practice groups they swim with. The required equipment is as follows:

**Bronze Practice Group** – Jr. Kick Board, Floating Fins & Girls Must Have Swim Caps

**Silver Practice Group** – Jr. Kick Board, Floating Fins, Foam Pull Buoy & Girls Must Have Swim Caps

**Gold Practice Group** – Jr. Kick Board, Floating Fins, Foam Pull Buoy & Girls Must Have Swim Caps

**Senior 2 Practice Group** – Jr. Kick Board, Floating Fins, Foam Pull Buoy, Hand Paddles (Med. Yellow), Freestyle Snorkel with Cardio Cap & Tennis Shoes for Dryland & Girls Must Have Swim Caps. Drag Suits are optional for this group.

**Senior 1 Practice Group** – Jr. Kick Board, Fins (See Coach), Foam Pull Buoy, Fulcrum Hand Paddles, Freestyle Snorkel with

Cardio Cap & a Drag Suit, Tennis Shoes for Dryland & Girls Must Have Swim Caps

## **CVST TEAM UNIFORMS/SWIMSUITS**

### **General -**

CVST swimmers are required to wear the White CVST Swimming Team T-Shirts on deck at Swim Meets.

CVST swimmers, if wearing a cap during a meet, must wear a CVST Team Cap.

CVST swimmers are required to wear a CVST Team Suit during meets unless authorized by the CVST Coaching Staff.

CVST swimmers if wearing a cap during, must wear a CVST Team Cap.

**Aqua Blades** - Aqua Blades may be worn by CVST swimmers for Championship Meets, with the permission of their Coach and other meets named by the CVST Coaching Staff.

**Tech Suits** - Tech Suits may be worn by CVST swimmers for Championship Meets, with the permission of their Coach and other meets named by the CVST Coaching Staff in accordance with current USA Swimming Rules.

### **USA Swimming Tech Suit Rule for 12&Under Swimmers –**

102.8.1F - No Technical Suits shall be worn by any 12 & Under USA Swimming athlete member in competition at any sanctioned, approved or observed meet. *[Effective September 1, 2020]*

(1) Exceptions to the foregoing restriction are only for Junior Nationals, U.S. Open, National Championships, and Olympic Trials.

(2) A Technical Suit is one that has the following components:

- a. Any suit with any bonded or taped seams regardless of its fabric or silhouette; or
- b. Any suit with woven fabric extending past the hips.

(Note: WOVEN FABRIC — A suit with woven fabric and sewn seams that does not extend below the hips is permitted.)

(Note: KNIT FABRIC — A suit with knit fabric and sewn seams not extending below the knees is permitted.)

## **TEAM PICTURES**

From time to time, CVST may take a Team Picture. CVST swimmers are required to wear the CVST Uniform for the picture. Individual pictures may also be available at this time. All team members are strongly encouraged to participate in the Team Picture as this is the picture used in conjunction with the CVST Sponsorship Program.

## **ATHLETE PROTECTION**

We believe that the experience of children and young athletes in all organized sports should be guided by what is best for the safe and healthy development of the young person. Young athletes who participate in organized sports activities have a unique opportunity for learning. In working with each child, it is essential that we are mindful of their physical, emotional, and developmental needs. We must also be particularly diligent in recognizing the unique vulnerabilities that are an inherent part of childhood. It is the responsibility of all adults to not only recognize these vulnerabilities, but to develop the knowledge and skills needed to create and maintain a safe and child-centered sports environment.

We recognize the important role that USA Swimming plays in providing leadership and creating an organizational culture that is focused on the safety and wellbeing of young people. The protection of children requires that all adults work together to support young athletes. As the child's first and enduring resource for safety, parents and guardians play a critical role in athlete protection. When parents participate, they are able to help educate other adults about the needs of the child, and help prepare the child to participate in sports programs in a way that promotes safety, enjoyment, and learning. All CVST Parents will be required to sign a form stating they understand MAAPP and will need to take the SafeSport for Parents Class.

Adults, including coaches, officials, staff, facility workers, volunteers, chaperones, and others who interact with children, are in also positions of great trust and influence. The ability to use this position of trust to support the well-being of children is critical. The overwhelming majority of these adults fulfill their roles in a positive and responsible manner. Nonetheless, we must also understand that a few adults may seek to use the trust and authority that comes with their access and status to take advantage of a child.

USA Swimming strives to continually improve the programs and services it offers to its members and among these some of the most important relate to the safeguards for protecting young athletes. Because we aspire to foster safe and positive environments within all our member clubs, we believe it is especially important to provide our member adult leaders with policies and best practice guidelines that help define elements of appropriate behavior and conduct.

### **Policies and Best Practice Guidelines for Athlete Protection**

In order to provide a positive experience and a safe environment for athletes, all non-athlete adult members of USA Swimming should maintain professionalism and avoid any appearance of impropriety in their relationships with athletes. Coaches should recognize the influence, power and position of trust they have with athletes and should use these only in an athlete's best interest.

This document provides specific mandatory policies and best practice guidelines that are strongly recommended.

**Policies**

The following Policies from the USA Swimming Code of Conduct are mandatory for all USA Swimming members.

**Article 304****USA Swimming Code of Conduct**

- 304.1 The mission of USA Swimming is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of Swimming. USA swimming grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied by USA Swimming at any time where USA Swimming determines that a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.
- In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in swimming, USA Swimming has adopted this Code of Conduct.
- 304.2 Any member or prospective member of USA Swimming may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Swimming if such member violates the provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, set forth in 304.3, or aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.

The following policies in the USA Swimming Code of Conduct Article 304 specifically pertain to Athlete Protection:

- 304.3.4 Violation of any of the Athlete Protection Policies set forth in Article 305
- 304.3.5 Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution, or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct, or (iv) any criminal offense against a minor.
- 304.3.6 Violation of the Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements set forth in Article 306.
- 304.3.7 Any sexual conduct, advance, or other inappropriate sexual oriented behavior or action directed towards an athlete by (i) a coach member or other non-athlete member, or (ii) any other adult participating in any capacity whatsoever in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming (whether such adult is a member or not). Any nonconsensual physical sexual conduct, or pattern of other sexual harassment in connection or incidental to a USA Swimming-related activity by any person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming (Whether such person is a member or not) directed toward any member or other person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming.
- 304.3.12 Physical abuse of an athlete by any person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete.
- 304.3.17 Any other material and intentional act, conduct, or omission not provided for above, which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USA Swimming, an LSC, or the sport of swimming.

The following policies related to Athlete Protection are mandatory components of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

**Article 305****Athlete Protection Policies**

- 305.1 Inappropriate touching between an athlete and an adult non-athlete member or Participating Non-Member (as defined in 401.1) is prohibited, including, but not limited to, excessive touching, hugging, kissing, sexually oriented behavior, sexually stimulating or otherwise inappropriate games, and having an athlete sit on a non-family member adult's lap.
- 305.2 Any rubdown or massage performed on an athlete by any adult member or Participating Non-Member, excluding the spouse, parent, guardian, sibling, or personal assistant of such athlete, is prohibited unless such adult is a licensed massage therapist or other certified professional. Any rubdown or massage performed at a swim venue by a licensed professional must be conducted in open/public locations and must never be done with only the athlete and licensed massage therapist in the room. Even if a coach is a licensed massage therapist, the coach shall not perform a rubdown or massage of an athlete under any circumstances.
- 305.3 Use of audio or visual recording, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.
- 305.4 Employees and volunteers of USA Swimming, LSCs and member clubs who interact directly and frequently with athletes as a regular part of their duties and individuals with any ownership interest in a member club must be non-athlete members of USA Swimming and satisfactorily complete criminal

background checks as required by USA Swimming. This does not apply to volunteers such as timers, marshals, computer operators, etc. who only have limited contact with athletes during a meet.

305.5 Travel

- A Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete).

*In order to clarify the intent of Article 305.5.A, the Board of Directors of USA Swimming, at its meeting on November 21, 2010, made the following interpretation:*

*For the purposes of Article 305.5.A, where an adult is registered both as a coach and an athlete member of USA Swimming, and is functioning primarily as a coach, he/she may share sleeping arrangements with another registered coach.*

- B Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check.
- C When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parents' (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach.
- D Clubs and LSCs shall develop their own travel policies. USA Swimming will provide a model club travel policy as an example. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club.

**The following policies related to sexual misconduct reporting are mandatory components of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:**

**Article 306**  
**Sexual Misconduct Reporting Requirements**

- 306.1 It is every member's responsibility to promptly report any incident regarding sexual misconduct by a member as described in Article 304.3.7 to USA Swimming's Athlete Protection Officer. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.
- 306.2 No member shall retaliate against any individual who has made a good faith report under
- 306.3 False reporting of sexual misconduct made in bad faith is prohibited.
- 306.4 Neither civil nor criminal statutes of limitation apply to reports of cases of sexual abuse.

You can report one of two ways to the U.S Center for SafeSport:

1. Online at [www.uscenterforsafesport.org/reportaconcern](http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org/reportaconcern)
2. Via phone at (720)531-0340

**Best Practice Guidelines**

**The following Best Practice Guidelines are strongly recommended for all USA Swimming members.**

1. Parents should be encouraged to appropriately support their children's swimming experience.
2. All swimming practices should be open to observation by parents.
3. Two-deep Leadership: One coach member and at least one other adult who is not in the water should be present at all practices and other sanctioned club activities whenever at least one athlete is present. Clubs and coaches should evaluate their seasonal plans and map out how to best accomplish this strongly recommended guideline.
4. Open and Observable Environment: An open and observable environment should be maintained for all interactions between adults and athletes. Private, or one-on-one situations, should be avoided unless they are open and observable. Common sense should be used to move a meeting to an open and observable location if the meeting inadvertently begins in private.
5. Coaches should not invite or have an athlete(s) to their home without the permission of the athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
6. During team travel, when doing room checks, attending team meetings and/or other activities, two-deep leadership and open and observable environments should be maintained.
7. Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another adult present who is the same gender as the athlete, unless prior parental permission is obtained.
8. During overnight team travel, if athletes are paired with other athletes they shall be of the same gender and should be a similar age. Where athletes are age 13 & Over, chaperones and/or team managers would ideally stay in nearby rooms. When athletes are age 12 & Under, chaperones and/or team managers may stay with athletes. Where chaperones/team managers are staying in a room with athletes, they should be the same gender as the athlete and written consent should be given by athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
9. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, at the competition the coach and athlete should attempt to establish a "buddy" club to associate with during the competition and when away from the venue.
10. Communications between non-athlete adult members and athletes should not include any topic or language that is sexual or

- inappropriate in nature.
11. Non-athlete adult members should respect the privacy of athletes in situations such as changing of clothes, showering, etc. Non-athlete adult members should protect their own privacy in similar situations.
  12. Relationships of a peer-to-peer nature with any athletes should be avoided. For example, coaches should avoid sharing their own personal problems with athletes.
  13. Coaches and other non-athlete adult members should avoid horseplay and roughhousing with athletes.
  14. When a coach touches an athlete as part of instruction, the coach should do so in direct view of others and inform the athlete of what he/she is doing prior to the initial contact. Touching athletes should be minimized outside the boundaries of what is considered normal instruction. Appropriate interaction would include high fives, fist bumps, side-to-side hugs and handshakes.
  15. Coaches should not initiate contact with or accept supervisory responsibility for athletes outside club programs and activities.
  16. Coaches should not engage in sexual intimacies with a former athlete for at least two years after the cessation or termination of professional services.  
Because sexual intimacies with a former athlete are frequently harmful to the athlete, and because such intimacies undermine public confidence in the coaching profession and thereby deter the public's use of needed services, coaches should not engage in sexual intimacies with former athletes even after a two-year interval except in the most unusual circumstances. The coach who engages in such activity after the two years following cessation or termination of the coach-athlete relationship bears the burden of demonstrating that there has been no exploitation, in light of all relevant factors, including:
    1. The amount of time that has passed since the coach-athlete relationship terminated;
    2. The circumstances of termination;
    3. The athlete's personal history;
    4. The athlete's current mental status;
    5. The likelihood of adverse impact on the athlete and others; and
    6. Any statements or actions made by the coach during the course of the athlete-coach relationship suggesting or inviting the possibility of a post-termination sexual or romantic relationship with the athlete or coach.
    7. Both the athlete and the coach must be 18 years of age or older.

## **USA SWIMMING SAFE SPORT FOR PARENTS**

The USA Swimming Safe Sport program offers FREE parent education for our membership. The course is online and takes about 45 minutes to complete. We have had overwhelmingly positive reviews from those who have taken it but there are many more parents out there who should have this important information – so all CVST parents are required to take the class. We are all responsible for making sure our children are safe in swimming!

USA Swimming Safe Sport for Parents Link: <https://www.usaswimming.org/articles-landing-page/2017/02/16/safe-sport-for-parents>

## **MAAPP – MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY**

### **THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:**

- All USA Swimming non-athlete members and adult athlete members;
- Participating non-members (e.g., meet marshals, meet computer operators, timers, etc.);
- LSC and club adult staff and board members; and
- Any other adult authorized to have regular contact with or authority over minor athletes. Collectively "Applicable Adult(s)"

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENT**

USA Swimming member clubs and LSCs are required to implement this Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy in full. The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy must be reviewed and agreed to in writing by all athletes, parents, coaches and other non-athlete members of member clubs on an annual basis with such written agreement to be retained by the club.

### **ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS**

#### **1. Observable and Interruptible**

One-on-one interactions between a minor athlete and an Applicable Adult (who is not the minor's legal guardian) must occur at an observable and interruptible distance from another adult unless meeting with a Mental Health Care Professional and/or Health Care Provider (see below) or under emergency circumstances.

#### **2. Meetings**

- i. Meetings between a minor athlete and an Applicable Adult may only occur if another adult is present and where interactions can be easily observed and at an interruptible distance from another adult, except under emergency circumstances.
- ii. If a one-on-one meeting takes place, the door to the room must remain unlocked and open. If available, it must occur in a room that has windows, with the windows, blinds, and/or curtains remaining open during the meeting
- iii. Meetings must not be conducted in an Applicable Adult or athlete's hotel room or other overnight lodging location during team travel.

#### **3. Meetings with Mental Health Care Professionals and/or Health Care Providers**

If a Mental Health Care Professional and/or Health Care Provider meets with a minor athlete in conjunction with participation, including at practice or competition sites, a closed-door meeting may be permitted to protect

patient privacy provided that:

- i. The door remains unlocked;
  - ii. Another adult is present at the facility;
  - iii. The other adult is advised that a closed-door meeting is occurring; and
  - iv. Written legal guardian consent is obtained in advance by the Mental Health Care Professional and/or Health Care Provider, with a copy provided to the club.
4. Individual Training Sessions [Recommended] Individual training sessions outside of the regular course of training and practice between Applicable Adults and minor athletes are permitted if the training session is observable and interruptible by another adult. Legal guardians must be allowed to observe the training session.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. Content**

All electronic communication from Applicable Adults to minor athletes must be professional in nature.

### **2. Open and Transparent**

Absent emergency circumstances, if an Applicable Adult with authority over minor athletes needs to communicate directly with a minor athlete via electronic communications (including social media), the minor athlete's legal guardian must be copied. If a minor athlete communicates to the Applicable Adult (with authority over the minor athlete) privately first, said Applicable Adult must copy the minor athlete's legal guardian on any electronic communication response to the minor athlete. When an Applicable Adult with authority over minor athletes communicates electronically to the entire team, said Applicable Adult must copy another adult.

### **3. Requests to Discontinue**

Legal guardians may request in writing that their minor athlete not be contacted through any form of electronic communication by the club, LSC or by an Applicable Adult subject to this Policy. The organization must abide by any such request that the minor athlete not be contacted via electronic communication, or included in any social media post, absent emergency circumstances.

### **4. Hours**

Electronic communications must only be sent between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., unless emergency circumstances exist, or during competition travel.

### **5. Prohibited Electronic Communication**

Applicable Adults with authority over minor athletes are not permitted to maintain private social media. page requests on social media platforms from minor athletes, unless the Applicable Adult has a fan page, or the contact is deemed as celebrity contact as opposed to regular contact. Existing social media connections with minor athletes must be discontinued. Minor athletes may "friend" the club and/or LSC's official page.

Applicable Adults with authority over minor athletes must not send private, instant or direct messages to a minor athlete through social media platforms.

## **TRAVEL**

### **1. Local Travel**

Local travel consists of travel to training, practice and competition that occurs locally and does not include coordinated overnight stay(s).

Applicable Adults must not ride in a vehicle alone with an unrelated minor athlete, absent emergency circumstances, and must always have at least two minor athletes or another adult in the vehicle, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the minor athlete's legal guardian.

Legal guardians must pick up their minor athlete first and drop off their minor athlete last in any shared or carpool travel arrangement.

### **2. Team Travel**

Team travel is travel to a competition or other team activity that the organization plans and supervises.

- a. During team travel, when doing room checks two-deep leadership (two Applicable Adults should be present) and observable and interruptible environments must be maintained. When only one Applicable Adult and one minor athlete travel to a competition, the minor athlete's legal guardian must provide written permission in advance and for each competition for the minor athlete to travel alone with said Applicable Adult. Team Managers and Chaperones who travel with the club or LSC must be USA Swimming members in good standing.
- b. Unrelated non-athlete Applicable Adults must not share a hotel room, other sleeping arrangement or overnight lodging location with an athlete.
- c. Minor athletes should be paired to share hotel rooms or other sleeping arrangements with other minor athletes of the same gender and of similar age. When a minor athlete and an adult athlete shares a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement, the minor athlete's legal guardian

must provide written permission in advance and for each instance for the minor to share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with said adult athlete.

- d. Meetings during team travel must be conducted consistent with the One-on-One Interactions section of this Policy (i.e., any such meeting must be observable and interruptible). Meetings must not be conducted in an individual's hotel room or other overnight sleeping location.

## **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS**

### **1. Requirement to Use Locker Room or Changing Area**

The designated locker room or changing area must be used when an athlete or Applicable Adult changes, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit (e.g., deck changing is prohibited)

### **2. Use of Recording Devices**

Use of any device's (including a cell phone's) recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras in locker rooms, changing areas, or similar spaces by a minor athlete or an Applicable Adult is prohibited.

### **3. Undress**

An unrelated Applicable Adult must not expose his or her breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to a minor athlete under any circumstance. An unrelated Applicable Adult must not request an unrelated minor athlete to expose the minor athlete's breasts, buttocks, groin or genitals to the unrelated Applicable Adult under any circumstance.

### **4. One-on-One Interactions**

Except for athletes on the same team or athletes attending the same competition, at no time are unrelated Applicable Adults permitted to be alone with a minor athlete in a locker room or changing area, except under emergency circumstances. If the organization is using a facility that only has a single locker room or changing area, separate times for use by Applicable Adults must be designated.

### **5. Monitoring**

The club must regularly and randomly monitor the use of locker rooms and changing areas to ensure compliance with this Policy. Locker rooms and changing areas may be monitored by use of the following methods:

- a. Conducting a sweep of the locker room or changing area before athletes arrive;
- b. Posting staff directly outside the locker room or changing area during periods of use;
- c. Leaving the doors open when adequate privacy is still possible; and/or
- d. Making occasional sweeps of the locker rooms or changing areas with women checking on female locker rooms and men checking on male locker rooms.

Every effort must be made to recognize when a minor athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice and competition, and, if the minor athlete does not return in a timely fashion, to check on the minor athlete's whereabouts.

### **6. Legal Guardians in Locker Rooms or Changing Areas**

Legal guardians are discouraged from entering locker rooms and changing areas. If a legal guardian does enter a locker room or changing area, it must only be a same-sex legal guardian and the legal guardian should notify a coach or administrator in advance.

## **MESSAGES AND RUBDOWNS/ATHLETE TRAINING MODALITIES**

1. Definition: In this section, the term "Massage" refers to any massage, rubdown, athletic training modality including physical modalities (e.g., stretching, physical manipulation, injury rehabilitation, etc.) and electronic or instrument assisted modalities (e.g., stim treatment, dry needling, cupping, etc.).

### **2. General Requirement**

Any Massage performed on an athlete must be conducted in an open and interruptible location and must be performed by a licensed massage therapist or other certified professional. However, even if a coach is a licensed massage therapist, the coach must not perform a rubdown or massage of an athlete under any circumstance.

### **3. Additional Minor Athlete Requirements**

- a. Written consent by a legal guardian must be obtained in advance by the licensed massage therapist or other certified professional, with a copy provided to the club.
- b. Legal guardians must be allowed to observe the Massage.
- c. Any Massage of a minor athlete must be done with at least one other adult present and must never be done with only the minor athlete and the person performing the Massage in the room.
- d. Any Massage of a minor athlete must only occur after a proper diagnosis from a treating physician and be done in the course of care according to the physician's treatment plan.

## **CVST PRACTICE RULES**

### **General Practice Rules:**

- 1 Remember that we are guests of the facility we are using. Act accordingly:
  - No running
  - No balls allowed on the deck, in the locker rooms, or in the parking lots.
  - Stay out of the bushes and off the walls.

- No food allowed in the locker rooms.  
Be on your best behavior at all times.
- 2 Bring and take home your required practice equipment every day.
  - 3 Put your name on your equipment. You are responsible to have your own equipment at every practice.
  - 4 Do not get in the water until your Coach tells you to. Wait patiently for practice to begin.
  - 5 Swim Caps with other teams logos are not permitted to be worn at CVST practices.
  - 6 Enter and exit the pool area from assigned entrance. Practices are closed to all spectators unless the Coaching Staff grants prior permission.
  - 7 Notify the Coaching Staff if you are going to miss any practices. This should be done before missing any practices, however there is voice mail to leave messages if you have to miss and cannot let the Coaches know ahead of time. Please do not use e-mail for this purpose.
  - 8 All swimmers must remain inside the pool area from the time they are dropped off for practice, until their parents arrive to pick them up after practice. Parents should drop swimmers off no earlier than 10 minutes before practice and should pick them up no later than 10 minutes after practice.
  - 9 Check your CVST Mail Box and the CVST Web Site regularly for important team information.
  - 10 Swimmers are not permitted in the Pool Office.
  - 11 Practice Rules:
    - Be ready to start practice on time with suits, caps, goggles and equipment.
    - Pay attention to your coach. Allow others to pay attention too.
    - Help your teammates.
    - If you have a question, ask your Coach.
    - Ask permission if you have to leave the pool for any reason (bathroom, water fountain, etc.).
    - Swim all strokes legally and do all turns properly.
    - Do not stop or interfere with your teammates during sets.
    - Pick up after yourself (ie. equipment, water bottles, trash)

If there are any questions or don't feel you can abide by these rules, see your Coach immediately!

## **CVST TRAVEL POLICIES**

### **Introduction**

As part of USA Swimming's athlete protection efforts, USA Swimming rules now require clubs to have published policies for team travel. Team Travel is defined as overnight travel to a swim meet or other team activity that is planned and supervised by the club. All team members, team staff, and parents of minors are apprised in writing of these Travel Policies through the CVST Team Handbook. CVST Membership constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with the stipulations of all CVST Travel Policies.

### **Team Travel Policies**

#### **Section 1 - USA Swimming Required Policies**

Club and LSC travel policies must include these policies. These items are Code of Conduct stipulations in the USA Swimming Rulebook.

- a) Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club. (305.5.D)
- b) Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming-administered criminal background check. (305.5.B)
- c) Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling, or spouse of that particular athlete). (305.5.A)
- d) When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parents' (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach. (305.5C)

#### **Section 2 – Additional CVST Policies**

- a) During team travel, when doing room checks, attending team meetings and/or other activities, two-deep leadership and open and observable environments should be maintained.
- b) Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another adult present who is the same gender as the athlete, unless prior parental permission is obtained.
- c) During overnight team travel, if athletes are paired with other athletes they shall be of the same gender and should be a similar age. Where athletes are age 13 & Over, chaperones and/or team managers would ideally stay in nearby rooms. When athletes are age 12 & Under, chaperones and/or team managers may stay with athletes. Where chaperones/team managers are staying in a room with athletes, they should be the same gender as the athlete and written consent should be given by athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
- d) When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, at the competition the coach and athlete should attempt to establish a "buddy" club to associate with during the competition and when away from the venue.
- e) To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms at any time (unless the other athlete is a sibling or spouse of that particular athlete).
- f) A copy of the CVST, FS & USAS Athlete Code of Conduct are all in the CVST Handbook and CVST Membership constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with the stipulations of all three documents.

- g) A copy of the CVST Parent Code of Conduct must be signed by any Parent acting as chaperone or manager.
- h) Team officials should obtain a signed Liability Release and/or Indemnification Form for each
  - i) athlete.
  - j) Team officials should carry a signed Medical Consent or Authorization to Treat Form for each athlete.
- k) Curfews shall be established by the coaching staff each day of the trip.
- l) Team members and staff traveling with the team will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, meals, meet sessions, etc. unless otherwise excused or instructed by the head coach or his/her designee.
- m) The directions & decisions of coaches/chaperones are final.
- n) Swimmers are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Swimmers are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, a restaurant, or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the head coach or his/her designee.
- o) When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theatres, etc. swimmers will stay in groups of no less than three persons. 12 & Under athletes will be accompanied by a chaperone.
- p) The Head Coach or his/her designee shall make a written report of travel policy or code of conduct violations to the CVST Board of Directors and the parent or legal guardian of any affected minor athlete.

### **Section 3 – CVST Honor Code Policies**

#### **Safety**

- a) Additional guidelines will be established as needed by the coaching staff
- b) Respect the privacy of each other
- c) Must wear seat belts and while in vehicles

#### **Behavior**

- a) Be quiet and respect the rights of teammates and others in hotel
- b) Be prompt and on time
- c) Respect travel vehicles
- d) Adhere to travel dress code
- e) Use appropriate behavior in public facilities.
- f) Meet all curfews
- g) Needs and well being of the team come first

#### **Financial**

- a) No room service without permission of the head coach or his/her designee
- b) No calls from hotel phone without permission of the head coach or his/her designee
- c) No movie or game rental without permission of the head coach or his/her designee
- d) Swimmers are responsible for all incidental charges
- e) Swimmers are responsible for any damages or thievery at hotel
- f) Swimmers must participate in contracted group meals

#### **General**

- a) The head coach will set trip eligibility requirements
- b) The head coach will establish age guidelines for travel trips
- c) Parent(s) are responsible for getting swimmer(s) to stated departure point and from stated pick-up point

### **CVST CODE OF CONDUCT/HONOR CODE**

All team members, team staff, and parents of minors are apprised in writing of this Code of Conduct, the attached USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the attached Florida Swimming Code of Conduct through the CVST Team Handbook. These codes are in effect throughout all swimmer's membership with the Carrollwood Village Swim Team. Some of the items refer specifically to team travel but are in no way limited to travel alone. CVST Membership constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with the stipulations of all three documents.

- a) All Swimmers will maintain a positive mental attitude in regard to practice, meets and the team, and never interfere with the progress of another swimmer, during practice or otherwise.
- b) Team members will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, teammates, fellow competitors and the public at all times.
- c) Team members and staff will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of the team or be detrimental to its performance objectives.
- d) The possession or use of alcohol or tobacco products by any athlete is prohibited.
- e) The possession, use, or sale/distribution of any controlled or illegal substance or any form of weapon is strictly forbidden.
- f) Team members are reminded that when competing in meets, traveling on trips, and attending other meet-related functions, they are representing both themselves and the CVST program. Athlete behavior must positively reflect the high standards of the Carrollwood Village Swim Team.
- g) Be a contributive member of the team and make every effort to maintain a good rapport with fellow teammates.
- h) Adhere to the requirements of all CVST Attendance Policies to the best of one's ability and in the case of a conflict communicate with the coaching staff prior to the practice or practices affected.
- i) Swimmers are to refrain from inappropriate physical contact at team activities and events.
- j) Swimmers are to refrain from use of inappropriate language.
- k) No "deck" changes are permitted. Athletes are expected to use available change facilities.
- l) All members of CVST shall continue to protect and improve the excellent reputation the team has throughout the state and country.

- m) Failure to comply with the Honor Code as set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action. Such discipline may include, but may not be limited to:
- n) If on a team trip, dismissal from the trip and immediate return home at the athlete's expense
- o) If at a meet, disqualification from one or more events, or all events of competition
  - i. Disqualification from future team travel meets
  - ii. Financial penalties
  - iii. Probation periods with the team
  - iv. Suspension or dismissal from the team
  - v. Proceedings for a LSC, Zone or USA Swimming Board of Review
- p) If a swimmer has any problems or disagreements with the CVST Program, He/She will relate them to the Coaching Staff in order that they will not become a negative influence on oneself or one's teammates.

As a member of the Carrollwood Village Swim Team, a swimmer must fully realize the responsibility of their commitment to the team and to the adherence of the above Code of Conduct. The swimmer must also understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct is grounds for suspension and/or dismissal from the team.

### **CVST PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS**

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child/children participating on the Carrollwood Village Swim Team by following this code of ethics.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all swimmers, coaches, and officials, at every meet, practice or other youth sport event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child/children ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child/children participate in a safe and healthy environment.

I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child/children to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for my child/children and agree to assist by refraining from their use, within the immediate activity area, at all youth sports events.

I will remember that age group swimming is for children and not for adults.

I will do my very best to make age group swimming fun for my child/children.

I will ask my child/children to treat other swimmers, coaches, spectators, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I will promise to help my child/children enjoy the swimming experience within my personal constraints by assisting with the CVST Parent Board, being a respectful spectator, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.

I will adhere to all Carrollwood Country Club, USA Swimming and CVST Rules and Regulations.

I will keep my account information updated and fees current each month.

I will abide by all CVST Family and Fundraising Commitments as described in the CVST Registration Information Packet.

I will understand and sign all required forms including but not limited to MAAPP.

I will keep current with SafeSport and complete the Safe Sport for Parents Course.

### **FLORIDA SWIMMING CODE OF CONDUCT**

For any event is held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Florida Swimming, the athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers, parents and spectators attending shall conduct themselves within the rules of these organizations, including Article 304 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming – Code of Conduct. The guidelines listed below, which are not intended to be exhaustive, shall be adhered to at all meets in Florida Swimming.

#### Expectations:

Respect for all persons and property.

Respect for facilities and equipment.

Respect for all staff, volunteers, and officials.

Adherence to the rules and regulations of the venue in which the event is held.

#### The following are strictly prohibited:

Cursing, swearing, racial remarks or any other form of verbal abuse.

Fighting or any other form of physical abuse.

Use or possession of non-prescription controlled substances or intoxicants.

Use or possession of any weapons.

Use of tobacco products.

Authority: USA Swimming has the following among its Codes of Conduct:

It is a violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct if there is any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming competition.

304.2.15 It is a violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct if there is any other act, conduct or omission which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USA Swimming or the sport of swimming.

Florida Swimming, the sanctioning agent of USA Swimming, has the following rule:

Section 239.2-

Any individual displaying unsportsmanlike or disrespectful conduct in violation of the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct at a sanctioned or approved competition may first be warned, along with the Coach of Record for the team that individual represents, by the Referee or by Meet Management to cease such conduct. If the conduct is serious, or continues after the warning, the individual may be ejected from the pool deck and the venue. Ejection is at the discretion of the Meet Manager/Director or the Meet Referee.

In addition to ejection, the Meet Manager or Meet Referee shall report the incident in writing to the FS General Chair and the FS Executive Director, within 7 days of the incident. Subsequent to such report, the team with whom the person ejected is associated shall be fined as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> ejection assessed to a team in any 12-month contiguous period--\$100
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ejection assessed to a team in any 12-month contiguous period--\$250
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ejection assessed to a team in any 12-month contiguous period--\$1000

Any further incidents in a 12-month contiguous period shall result in the team being suspended from competition at any FS sanctioned or approved meets for a period of 75 days from the date of the incident.

*CVST Note: Any fines incurred by a CVST Athlete or Parent, will be the responsibility of the individual(s) involved in the incident. Those involved are also subject to all CVST Team Rules and Policies.*

## **USA SWIMMING CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ARTICLE 304 - CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### **304.1**

The mission of USA Swimming is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of swimming. USA Swimming grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied by USA Swimming at any time where USA Swimming determines that a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in swimming, USA Swimming has adopted this Code of Conduct.

#### **304.2**

Any member or prospective member of USA Swimming may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Swimming if such member violates the provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, set forth in 304.3, or aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.

#### **304.3**

The following shall be considered violations of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct:

1. Violation of the right to compete provisions set forth in 301.1 through 301.4.
2. Violation of the anti-doping provisions set forth in 303.3 or 303.4.
3. Discrimination in violation of Part Five of the USA Swimming Corporate Bylaws or any other section of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, or in violation of Section 201(b)(6) of the Amateur Sports Act which requires that USA Swimming must provide: "an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, or national origin".
4. Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at any time, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct.
5. Any sexual conduct, advance or other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior or action directed towards an athlete by (i) a coach member or other non-athlete member, or (ii) any other adult participating in any capacity whatsoever in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming (whether such adult is a member or not). Any nonconsensual physical sexual conduct,

- or pattern of unwelcome advances or other sexual harassment in connection with or incidental to a USA Swimming-related activity by any person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming (whether such person is a member or not) directed toward any member or other person participating in the affairs or activities of USA Swimming.
6. The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance listed on FINA's recognized list of banned substances.
  7. The use of illegal drugs in the presence of an athlete, by a coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over, that athlete.
  8. The providing of alcohol to an athlete by a coach, official, trainer, manager or any other person where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume or purchase alcohol in the state where the alcohol is provided.
  9. The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18, by a coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete.
  10. Physical abuse of an athlete by any person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete.
  11. Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any USA Swimming-related activity.
  12. Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming-sanctioned competition.
  13. Action, other than through general advertising, by a coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative, or employee of a swim club, or a USA Swimming or LSC employee, either through direct contact with an athlete or the encouragement of others, to recruit or otherwise encourage an athlete who is already a member of a USA Swimming member swim club to leave that club, unless the acting party receives prior written approval to recruit or encourage the athlete to change affiliation from the designated club representative of the athlete's existing USA Swimming-member swim club or contact is initiated by the athlete, the athlete's parent or authorized representative.  
General advertising includes any information that is:
    - a. Distributed to an identifiable general population where there is a reasonable expectation that the majority of that population are not current members of USA Swimming, or
    - b. Placed in or on any item that is sold.In the event of a violation of this section, a sanction may be imposed against any coach, owner, officer, volunteer, representative or employee of a swim club, or against any such club, or any combination thereof, as appropriate.
  14. Violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USA Swimming, any Zone or LSC team authority.
  15. Any other material and intentional act, conduct, or omission not provided for above, which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USA Swimming, a LSC or the sport of swimming.

## **CVST LOCKER ROOM MONITORING POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

The following guidelines are designed to maintain personal privacy as well as to reduce the risk misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas.

### **FACILITIES**

The following is a description of our practice and competition facilities to allow athletes and their families to plan their use: We practice at the Carrollwood Country Club TAC.

This location has locker room facilities that are shared with the Club's general membership. As such, there are likely to be people who are not associated with the Carrollwood Village Swim Team (CVST) in the changing area around the times of practices.

### **MONITORING**

#### **General Policy Considerations**

Coaches and staff make every effort to recognize when an athlete goes to the locker room or changing area during practice and/or competition and, if they do not return in a timely fashion, we will check on the athlete's whereabouts.

We discourage parents from entering locker rooms and changing areas unless it is truly necessary. In those instances, it should only be a same-sex parent. If this is necessary, parents should let the coach or administrator know about this in advance.

If an athlete needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear (for example, a child under the age of eight), or an athlete's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach or an administrator know beforehand that he or she will be helping that athlete.

CVST has staggered practices, with different groups arriving and departing throughout the day. It is therefore not practical to consistently monitor locker rooms and changing areas over this extended course of time. While we do not post anyone inside or at the doors of the locker rooms and changing areas, we do make occasional sweeps of these areas. These sweeps are conducted with women checking on female locker rooms, and men checking on male locker rooms.

#### **USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER MOBILE RECORDING DEVICES**

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras increase the risk for different forms of misconduct in locker rooms and changing areas. The USA Swimming Athlete Protection

Policies prohibit use of such devices in the locker room or other changing area.

**305.3** Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

## **CVST BULLYING POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

Bullying of any kind is unacceptable at Carrollwood Village Swim Team (CVST) and will not be tolerated. Bullying is counterproductive to team spirit and can be devastating to a victim. CVST is committed to providing a safe, caring and friendly environment for all of our members. If bullying does occur, all athletes and parents should know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively. Any one who knows that bullying is happening is expected to tell a Coach, Board Member or athlete/mentor.

Objectives of CVST's Bullying Policy and Action Plan:

1. To make it clear that CVST will not tolerate bullying in any form.
2. To define bullying and give all board members, coaches, parents and swimmers a good understanding of what bullying is.
3. To make it known to all parents, swimmers and coaching staff that there is a policy and protocol should any bullying issues arise.
4. To make how to report bullying clear and understandable.
5. To spread the word that Carrollwood Village Swim Team takes bullying seriously and that all swimmers and parents can be assured that they will be supported when bullying is reported.

### **WHAT IS BULLYING?**

The USA Swimming Code of Conduct prohibits bullying. Generally, bullying is the use of aggression, whether intentional or not, which hurts another person. Bullying results in pain and distress.

The USA Swimming Code of Conduct defines bullying in 304.3.7. Bullying is the severe or repeated use by one or more.

USA Swimming members of oral, written, electronic or other technological expression, image, sound, data or intelligence of any nature (regardless of the method of transmission), or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at any other member that to a reasonably objective person has the effect of:

- i. causing physical or emotional harm to the other member or damage to the other member's property;
- ii. placing the other member in reasonable fear of harm to himself/herself or of damage to his/her property;
- iii. creating a hostile environment for the other member at any USA Swimming activity;
- iv. infringing on the rights of the other member at any USA Swimming activity; or
- v. materially and substantially disrupting the training process or the orderly operation of any USA Swimming activity (which for the purposes of this section shall include, without limitation, practices, workouts and other events of a member club or LSC).

### **REPORTING PROCEDURE**

An athlete who feels that he or she has been bullied is asked to do one or more of the following things:

- Talk to your parents;
- Talk to a Club Coach, Board Member, or other designated individual;
- Write a letter or email to the Club Coach, Board Member, or other designated individual;
- Make a report to the USA Swimming Safe Sport staff.

There is no express time limit for initiating a complaint under this procedure, but every effort should be made to bring the complaint to the attention of the appropriate club leadership as soon as possible to make sure that memories are fresh and behavior can be accurately recalled and the bullying behavior can be stopped as soon as possible.

### **HOW WE HANDLE BULLYING**

If bullying is occurring during team-related activities, we STOP BULLYING ON THE SPOT using the following steps:

1. Intervene immediately. It is ok to get another adult to help.
2. Separate the kids involved.
3. Make sure everyone is safe.
4. Meet any immediate medical or mental health needs.
5. Stay calm. Reassure the kids involved, including bystanders.
6. Model respectful behavior when you intervene.

If bullying is occurring at our club or it is reported to be occurring at our club, we address the bullying by FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED and SUPPORTING THE KIDS INVOLVED using the following approach:

### **FINDING OUT WHAT HAPPENED**

1. First, we get the facts.
  - a. Keep all the involved children separate.
  - b. Get the story from several sources, both adults and kids.

- c. Listen without blaming.
  - d. Don't call the act "bullying" while you are trying to understand what happened.
  - e. It may be difficult to get the whole story, especially if multiple athletes are involved or the bullying involves social bullying or cyber bullying. Collect all available information.
2. Then, we determine if it's bullying. There are many behaviors that look like bullying but require different approaches. It is important to determine whether the situation is bullying or something else.
- a. Review the USA Swimming definition of bullying;
  - b. To determine if the behavior is bullying or something else, consider the following questions:
    - What is the history between the kids involved?
    - Have there been past conflicts?
    - Is there a power imbalance? Remember that a power imbalance is not limited to physical strength. It is sometimes not easily recognized. If the targeted child feels like there is a power imbalance, there probably is.
    - Has this happened before? Is the child worried it will happen again?
  - c. Remember that it may not matter "who started it." Some kids who are bullied may be seen as annoying or provoking, but this does not excuse the bullying behavior.
  - d. Once you have determined if the situation is bullying, support all of the kids involved.

### **SUPPORTING THE KIDS INVOLVED**

3. Support the kids who are being bullied
- a. Listen and focus on the child. Learn what's been going on and show you want to help. Assure the child that bullying is not their fault.
  - b. Work together to resolve the situation and protect the bullied child. The child, parents, and fellow team members and coaches may all have valuable input. It may help to:
    - Ask the child being bullied what can be done to make him or her feel safe. Remember that changes to routine should be minimized. He or she is not at fault and should not be singled out. For example, consider rearranging lane assignments for everyone. If bigger moves are necessary, such as switching practice groups, the child who is bullied should not be forced to change.
    - Develop a game plan. Maintain open communication between CVST and parents. Discuss the steps that will be taken and how bullying will be addressed going forward.
    - Be persistent. Bullying may not end overnight. Commit to making it stop and consistently support the bullied child.
4. Address bullying behavior:
- a. Make sure the child knows what the problem behavior is. Young people who bully must learn their behavior is wrong and harms others.
  - b. Show kids that bullying is taken seriously. Calmly tell the child that bullying will not be tolerated. Model respectful behavior when addressing the problem.
  - c. Work with the child to understand some of the reasons he or she bullied. For example:
    - Sometimes children bully to fit in or just to make fun of someone who is a little different from them. In other words, there may be some insecurity involved.
    - Other times kids act out because something else—issues at home, abuse, stress—is going on in their lives. They also may have been bullied. These kids may be in need of additional support.
  - d. Involve the kid who bullied in making amends or repairing the situation. The goal is to help them see how their actions affect others. For example, the child can:
    - Write a letter apologizing to the athlete who was bullied.
    - Do a good deed for the person who was bullied, for CVST, or for others in your community.
    - Clean up, repair, or pay for any property they damaged.
  - e. Avoid strategies that don't work or have negative consequences:
    - Conflict resolution and peer mediation don't work for bullying. Bullying is not a conflict between people of equal power who share equal blame. Facing those who have bullied may further upset kids who have been bullied.
  - f. Follow-up. After the bullying issue is resolved, continue finding ways to help the child who bullied to understand how what they do affects other people. For example, praise acts of kindness or talk about what it means to be a good teammate.
5. Support bystanders who witness bullying. Every day, kids witness bullying. They want to help, but don't know how. Fortunately, there are a few simple, safe ways that athletes can help stop bullying when they see it happening.
- a. Be a friend to the person being bullied;
  - b. Tell a trusted adult – your parent, coach, or club board member;
  - c. Help the kid being bullied get away from the situation. Create a distraction, focus the attention on something else, or offer a way for the target to get out of the situation. "Let's go, practice is about to start."
  - d. Set a good example by not bullying others.
  - e. Don't give the bully an audience. Bullies are encouraged by the attention they get from bystanders. If you do nothing else, just walk away

### **CVST SOCIAL MEDIA AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Private electronic communications between an Applicable Adult and a minor athlete present an opportunity for the Applicable Adult to initiate grooming behaviors that may lead to abuse. Just as one-on-one interactions

between an Applicable Adult and a minor athlete must be observable and interruptible, any communications between an Applicable Adult and a minor athlete should be open, transparent.

Additionally, electronic communications between an Applicable Adult and a minor athlete must involve the minor's legal guardian and take place during reasonable hours.

Before MAAPP, USA Swimming rules required every team establish a social media/electronic communication policy. This section of MAAPP replaces that requirement. Members will note that this section of the MAAPP is similar to the USA Swimming's previous Model Policy on Electronic Communication and published Best Practice Guidelines.

### **CVST TEAM PROPERTY POLICY**

CVST Team property is just that, the property of the Carrollwood Village Swim Team. This property is not available to be loaned out. Some of the property may be available for rental (i.e. The Timing System). See Head Coach for this information. Items such as Team Tents are available for use by team members at team swim meets and other functions. It is the responsibility of the CVST parents to get these tents and or other items to and from any away meets/events. Please see the Head Coach to arrange pick up and drop off of these items.

### **CVST GRIEVANCE POLICY/PROCEDURE**

The Carrollwood Village Swim Team Grievance Policy outlines guidance and procedures to give swimmers, parents, coaches, Club leadership, and employees a way to address and report grievances in a productive, systematic way that allows the appropriate parties to investigate and intervene, and take disciplinary action when needed.

There are occasions when a problem arises in a club, for example fighting or bullying, where immediate action is required. A temporary suspension or exclusion from a single training session can be given by the coaches. A report should then be made, within 24 hours, to the club president, who then should report back to the board, who should follow the procedures outlined below.

With the exception of issues that immediately effect the health and safety of swimmers, all matters should be discussed before or after a coaching session and coaches should not be expected to deal with issues during water time.

If your concern relates to inappropriate behavior or activity that includes but is not limited to the following:

- Criminal activity
- Use, sale or distribution of illegal drugs
- Physical abuse
- Inappropriate touching
- Coaches sharing hotel rooms with athletes
- Rubdowns or massages performed by coaches
- Pictures and or videos taken in locker rooms or changing areas
- Violations of USA Swimming's Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)

Please report the incident immediately to SafeSport. You can reach out to Florida Swimming Safe Sport Chairperson, at [coriwellbes@gmail.com](mailto:coriwellbes@gmail.com) or USA Swimming SafeSport Director Abigail Howard [ahoward@usaswimming.org](mailto:ahoward@usaswimming.org).

Anonymous reporting can be completed <https://fs22.formsite.com/usaswimming/form10/index.html>

If your concern relates to sexual misconduct, sexual harassment or sexually explicit communication through any media, please contact the U.S Center for SafeSport to make a report immediately. You can report your concern online or call 720-524-5640. More information can be found at [www.uscenterforsafesport.org](http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org).

#### **TYPES OF GRIEVANCES**

1. Swimmer conduct
2. Assistant or Age Group Coach Conduct
3. Head Coach Conduct
4. Employee Conduct (non-swim team employees)
5. Board of Director Member Conduct
6. USA Swim Official or swim team parent conduct

#### **WHOM TO NOTIFY OF A GRIEVANCE (The Grievance Chain-of-Command)**

*Regarding the Conduct of a Swimmer* - Contact the swimmer's coach

Should a parent or swimmer feel another swimmer's conduct is inappropriate or violates the Athlete Code of Conduct, the parent/swimmer should discuss these concerns with the coach of the swimmer responsible for the violation (Responsible Coach). This complaint should be made in person or in writing. Coaches will ensure that the CVST Board of Directors is notified of the complaint and will participate in assessing behavior.

*Regarding the Conduct of an Assistant or Age Group Coach* - Contact the Head Coach

Should a parent or swimmer feel an Assistant or Age Group Coach's conduct is inappropriate or in violation of any Club policies or procedures, the parent/swimmer should notify the Head Coach of this violation. This complaint should be made in person or in writing. The Head Coach will ensure that the CVST Board of Directors is notified of the complaint and will participate in assessing behavior.

*Regarding Conduct of Head Coach – Notify Any CVST Board Member*

Should a parent or swimmer feel the Head Coach's conduct is inappropriate or violates any Club policies or procedures, the parent/swimmer should notify the any member of the Board of Directors of this violation. This complaint should be made in person or in writing. If the President is not immediately available, If this complaint is presented to any member of the Board of Directors other than the President, notification must be made in writing to the President within 24 hours. This complaint will be subject to review and discussion by the full Board of Directors.

*Regarding Board of Director Member Conduct - Notify the CVST Board President*

Should a parent or swimmer feel a Director's conduct is inappropriate or violates any Club policies or procedures, the parent/swimmer should notify the Board President of this violation in person or in writing. If the Board President is the Director whose conduct is in question, the Board Vice President should be notified in writing or in person *instead of* the Board President. This complaint will be reviewed and discussed by the full Board of Directors.

*Regarding Parent or Swim Official Conduct - Notify the Head Coach and Board President*

Should a parent, swimmer or coach feel one of CVST parent's conduct is inappropriate or violates any Club policies or procedures, the parent/swimmer/coach should notify the Head Coach and Board President of this violation in person or in writing. This complaint will be reviewed and discussed by the full Board of Directors.

## **HOW GRIEVANCES WILL BE HANDLED**

*The Board of Directors have the authority to impose penalties for infractions of the CVST Athlete, Parent and Coaches Codes of Conduct or any behavior(s) they deem not conducive to the best interests of the Club or other swimmers. Consequences are at the sole discretion of the coaches and/or CVST Board of Directors and may include, but aren't limited to, verbal warnings, dismissal from practice, contacting parents, and expulsion. USA Swimming and local law enforcement (if applicable) will be contacted within 24 hours if a coach, parent, or swimmer violates the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, Athlete Protection Policy, or local laws.*

1. Gathering Information: The appropriate individuals will reach out to the person who filed the grievance and the person against whom the grievance is being filed to ask questions about what happened. Other witnesses may be contacted for more information, as well. All information will be recorded on the CVST Incident Report form.
2. Assessing Behavior: The behavior of the person(s) against which the grievance was brought will be assessed using Club policies and facility rules, USA Swimming Code of Conduct, USA Swimming Safe Sport policies, and applicable local and state laws. The Florida Swimming Safe Sport Chairperson will be notified of the incident.
3. Consequences will be given, and disciplinary action will be taken if appropriate. These consequences and disciplinary actions will be decided using the following general guidelines:
  - a. Nature of the misconduct
  - b. Severity of the misconduct
  - c. Prior disciplinary actions
  - d. Adverse effect of the misconduct
  - e. Application of the Code of Conduct

## **GOAL SETTING & AWARDS**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To motivate each swimmer, regardless of age or ability, towards personal improvement.

### **HOW GOALS ARE SET**

Goals are set by the swimmer and their Coach based on where they would like to be at a given point in the future; i.e., next meet, end of season, end of year, etc. Goals are times, practice attendance, stroke improvement, etc. Coaches also talk about goals in academics, as well as, other activities away from the pool.

### **AGE GROUP SWIMMER OF THE DAY**

When this program is in place, as long as the swimmer has a current USA Swimming Deck Pass account, is a member of the Bronze, Silver, and Gold practice group, he/she is eligible for the Swimmer of the Day title. By having something great stand out at practice, a swimmer could earn the title of Swimmer of the Day and win a Swimmer of the Day Virtual Patch on their Deck Pass account. Anything can earn you the title: swimming a drill the right way, correcting a flaw in your stroke for the first time, or going off the blocks for the first time. There are no specific criteria for earning the title, but doing your best makes you eligible.

Deck Pass accounts must also be linked to CVST for it to work for the CVST Swimmer of the Day. Each time a swimmer earns Swimmer of the Day, they can earn a patch on Deck Pass. On Deck Pass, you can earn additional patches for swimming certain legs of a relay or dropping a large amount of time at a meet. You can earn patches for holidays and birthdays as well. The categories of patches are endless! If you don't have the app, you can't get a patch or be the CVST Swimmer of the Day, so download Deck Pass or Deck Pass Plus today to start your collection! Be sure to link your account to CVST or it will not work properly!

### **AGE GROUP SWIMMER OF THE WEEK**

When this program is in place, at the end of each week, one swimmer from the following groups, Bronze, Silver & Gold, is selected as Swimmer of the Week based on that week's practices. He or she will get to use a special CVST equipment bag hook at the pool and be able to leave their equipment bag, for the following week, in recognition of his/her outstanding effort. SOW's will be announced at the end of the last practice of the week and published throughout the CVST Social Media Platform.

### **SWIMMER OF THE MONTH**

When this program is in place, at the end of each month, one member of the team may or may not be selected as the CVST Swimmer of the Month. The CVST Head Age Group Coach is responsible for selecting this award winner. The award is based on that swimmer's meet performance, practice performance and practice attendance for the month.

The following formula will be used:

*(# of Best Swims during the month = 50%) + (the % of Best Swims for the month = 25%) + (the % of Best Times for the month = 25%). In the case of a tie the total time dropped for the month will break the tie.*

The Swimmer of the Month will be announced through CVST's Team Feed, Social Media Outlets and in the News Section of the CVST Website, with a brief article explaining why they received the award. Each SOM will also receive a Special Award in recognition of the accomplishment at the Annual Banquet. The award winner must be a member in good standing at the time of the award.

### **TEAM AWARDS**

At the end of each swim year, which runs from September through the following August, the CVST Swim Board and the CVST Coaching Staff may or may not present the following awards. These awards are presented at the CVST Annual Awards Night which is usually held in late August or early September. The criteria for each award are as follows:

### **AGE GROUP MOST VALUABLE**

The swimmer must be an active, dues-paying member of CVST before being considered for the award and swimming at the time of the banquet (Exception: A College/Post Grad Senior does not have to be swimming at the time of the banquet). He/she must have been in the age group for which he/she is being considered, as of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current swim year. The award is based on the swimmer's Championship Meet performance. The actual amount of time dropped, and practice attendance will be used to break a tie. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **AGE GROUP MOST IMPROVED**

The swimmer must be an active, dues-paying member of CVST before being considered for the award and swimming at the time of the banquet (Exception: A College/Post Grad Senior does not have to be swimming at the time of the banquet). He/she must have been in the age group for which he/she is being considered, as of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current swim year. The award is based on the total amount of time dropped for the year. The swimmer's Championship Meet performance and practice attendance will be used to break a tie. The Most Valuable Boy/Girl for the age group is not eligible for this award. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **COACH'S AWARD**

When presented, the swimmer must be an active, dues-paying member of CVST before being considered for the award and swimming at the time of the banquet (Exception: A College/Post Grad Senior does not have to be swimming at the time of the banquet). This award is generally given to a senior-level swimmer and to the person that exemplifies what the Head Coach feels is a role model to the rest of the team. This award is not necessarily presented every year. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**Session Awards:** Any swimmer or swimmers who have achieved perfect attendance for a full session during the swim year will receive a special award for this accomplishment. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

**Annual Awards:** The swimmer or swimmers in each practice group (male & female combined) who has the best practice attendance record for the swim year beginning with the first day of practice in the fall session. He/she must have been in the age group for which he/she is being considered, as of March 1<sup>st</sup> of the current swim year. The swimmer must be a member of the team for the entire year to be considered for this award. In the case of a tie, duplicate awards will be presented. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP HIGH POINT AWARD**

The swimmer must be an active, dues-paying member of CVST before being considered for the award and swimming at the time of the banquet (Exception: A College/Post Grad Senior does not have to be swimming at the time of the banquet). This award is given to the swimmer who has accumulated the highest number of points in LSC Championship Meets or higher over the swim year. The point totals are based on each meet's individual point system for individual events USA-S approved meets such as the High School state meet may be used. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **SWIMMER OF THE YEAR**

These are CVST's most prestigious Awards and are presented to the male and female swimmers who have attained the highest level of competition and achievement during the year. The swimmer must be an active, dues-paying member of CVST before being considered for the award and swimming at the time of the banquet (Exception: A College/Post Grad Senior does not have to be swimming at the time of the banquet). Practice attendance will be used to break a tie. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **ATHLETE APPRECIATION AWARD**

When presented, the recipient must have made a significant contribution to the CVST Program before being considered for the award. Nominees for the award will be submitted to the Head Coach by a specified deadline each year with a brief description stating why they are deserving of this honor. The Coaching Staff and Team Captains will narrow the list of Nominees down to a maximum of four (Nominations may be made by any Senior 1 Athlete or Coach Member of the Team). The four nominees will be presented in ballot form to the CVST Senior 1 Members for the final vote. This award is not necessarily presented every year. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Senior 1 Practice Group with the approval of the Head Coach.

## **CVST TEAM GIFTS**

**Annual Awards Celebration** - Each year, at the Annual Awards Celebration, the CVST Swim Board and the Coaching Staff present all current members of the Team, and who are in attendance at the Annual Awards Celebration, with a special gift, usually something team related. Swimmers also receive special certificates listing the amount of time they have dropped in all events combined for the entire swim-year. These criteria may be amended at any time by the CVST Swim Board with the approval of the Head Coach.

**Winter Session Gift** - When deemed appropriate, the CVST Swim Board and the Coaching Staff may present all members of the Team who were registered for the immediate past fall session and the current winter session, with a special gift.

## **INFORMATION CONCERNING COMPETITIVE SWIMMING**

### **WHY SWIM COMPETITIVELY?**

Both parents and swimmers frequently ask the questions: "Why swim competitively?" Or "Why should I swim when there are so many better than I?" There are a number of answers.

The CVST program has much to offer beyond the challenge of competition and the inherent physical and mental benefits. Friendship, companionship, and a sense of "belonging" all accrue to the CVST swimmer.

A CVST team member is generally a good student. The necessity to learn efficiency in action, economy in motion and prompt and accurate scheduling all tend to discipline a swimmer to good study habits and intensive concentration in school and in life beyond swimming.

Our philosophy is to develop each child to his maximum potential and to provide the best possible competitive experience for each member of the team at his or her own ability level.

### **AGE GROUP SWIMMING**

Age group swimming was designed to be "a means to an end" and in no way "an end in itself." The goal or end is National and or Collegiate swimming. Age groups are 8 & under, 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14, and either 15-16, 17-18 or 15-18 and Senior/Open. Age group swimmers should be taught by the parent and led by the coach in how to accept victory as well as defeat. We are hopefully developing a child's patience, self-confidence, loyalty, self-discipline, and the ability to work and associate with other people.

The young swimmer should be allowed to act like a child and have free time to play. We should not discourage our younger swimmers from participating in other activities. Also, the swimmer should attend practice on his or her own accord. If they're tired of practice or start losing interest, contact the Coaching Staff and discuss it, maybe they need a change of routine or more variety in practice. Much of the time though, just having a Coach/swimmer conference does the trick.

### **SENIOR SWIMMING**

When a swimmer moves into Senior swimming, they know that if they works hard, they will get the best results from their efforts—that of swimming fast. Each swimmer should reach a point when they decide (not the parents) how much he/she really wants to put into swimming.

### **USA SWIMMING SAFETY NOTICE TO PARENTS**

To avoid risk of serious injury, no swimmer who has not been properly trained should attempt to perform a racing start, from either a starting block or the side of the pool, into less than six feet of water.

USA Swimming has implemented a racing start certification program where a swimmer's coach documents his or her professional judgment that a swimmer has demonstrated sufficient skills to safely perform a racing start into four feet of water.

Although somewhat unusual, swimmers do not always participate in swimming competitions under the supervision of a certified coach. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure the swimmer does not attempt to perform a racing start in less than six feet of water if the swimmer has not been properly certified by the swimmer's coach to do so.

### **SENIOR I & 2 - ATTENDANCE POLICY**

In order to be eligible to participate in a senior level meet, team trip, USA Swimming/Florida Swimming/CVST training camp, etc., a swimmer in the Senior 1 practice group, must have an average swim practice attendance of 88% or better for the current season or the current year's attendance. A swimmer in the Senior 2 practice group must have an average swim practice attendance of 82% or better for the current season or the current year's attendance. This percentage will be taken from all senior practices including those held on holidays, school breaks, selected meets and other CVST related functions (i.e. working Friday Night at the Races) as announced by the Coaching Staff.

Senior level meets include, but are not limited to, any meet the senior team travels to as a group, Florida Swimming Senior Championships, Sectionals, Zone Championships, US Open, Senior Nationals and any other meet so named by the Coaching Staff.

Appeals to a swimmer's eligibility will be reviewed on an individual basis with the Head Coach and that individual.

## MEET POLICY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMERS

High School swimmers will be allowed to swim in meets, as long as they meet the following practice attendance requirements.

High School swimmers must make four (4) practices each week, at CVST, to be eligible to participate in the CVST/USA Swimming Meets, Trips, Camps, etc. They may come to the morning practice before school and on Saturdays. If the High School has morning practices in lieu of afternoon practice, or if High School Coaches allow swimmers to come to CVST practices instead of High School practices, the swimmer may then attend the evening practice at CVST. Swimmers may not attend an afternoon High School practice and then the evening CVST practice, as they will be tired and not get out of the practice what is needed, they also need this time to keep grades up.

Swimmers are responsible to maintain their 100% attendance (4 practices each week will = 88%) up to the first day of the meet they have entered. If the attendance falls below 4 practices per week, the swimmer will not be permitted to swim in the meet and that swimmer will be responsible for all entry fees incurred by entering the meet.

The four practices per week is the minimum and all High School swimmers are encouraged to make as many CVST practices as possible.

## SCHOOL YEAR MORNING PRACTICE POLICY

Swimmers wishing to attend the Morning Practices (Swimming or Weights) are welcome to do so as long as the following criteria are met.

1. Each swimmer must receive approval from the Head Coach prior to attending a morning practice.
2. Swimmers Must notify the Head Coach, by 8:00pm, via telephone (no e-mail or text) the evening prior to the practice if they will be attending that practice. If a swimmer does not show for the practice after notification that they will attend, that swimmer will not be permitted to participate in the morning practices for the remainder of the season. Swimmers must get the contact phone number from the Head Coach. The pool phone Will Not be used as the contact number.
3. Swimmers not notifying the Head Coach that they will attend a practice, will not be permitted to participate in that practice.

## MEET INFORMATION

We strongly recommend that a swimmer attend all meets scheduled for his ability. The Coaching Staff selects the meets the team will attend and publishes a copy of the meet schedule on the CVST Web Site. The schedule is updated as soon as possible but sometimes meets are canceled or added due to late sanctions of meets. Where possible, all meets throughout a season will be used as stepping-stones to a successful Championship Season at the end of each session.

A swimmer will not be permitted to enter a meet if they have not met the qualifying standards established for that meet.

## MEET ENTRY POLICY/PROCEDURE

Swimmers will only be able to enter swim meets if their account balances are up to date and less than 30 days past due.

### **NON-CVST HOSTED MEETS**

The procedure for the entry policy works as follows: Information on a given meet will be posted on the CVST Web Site with a CVST Sign-up Deadline. It will then be the responsibility of the Parent/Swimmer to sign-up for the meet on the web site prior to the posted CVST Sign-up Deadline, if the deadline is not met, that the swimmer will not be entered in that meet. If a swimmer is not entered and the Meet Entry Deadline has not passed and the host team is still taking entries, that swimmer may be entered in the meet, but will be charged a Late Entry Fee of \$15.00. In the event a meet is cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's parents to notify the Coaching Staff of that swimmer's intentions of swimming in the rescheduled meet. This must be done by the Monday immediately following the originally scheduled meet. It is the Meet's Host Club that will decide on any refunds that may be given.

Signing up to swim in a meet on the web site, does not mean that the swimmer will be entered in that meet. **Swimmers are always entered in meets at the discretion of the Coaching Staff, and the final decision on events swum in meets is also at the discretion of the Coaching Staff.** Once meet entries have been completed, they will be uploaded to the CVST Website. It is the responsibility of the swimmer and his/her parents to check the entries on-line, prior to the meet's entry deadline, for any mistakes and or omissions, and to also notify the Coaching Staff prior to the entry deadline if there are any.

### **CVST HOSTED & CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS**

CVST Hosted Meets (For example: Friday Night at the Races, CVST Blue/Green Meet, PCL Home Meets, CVST Invitational, Tampa Bay Swim Classic, Speedo Boys & Girls Club National Championships), Junior Olympics, Senior Championships, Sectionals, Zones, US Open, Junior and National Championships are considered "Automatic Entry Meets" and those swimmers who qualify for these meets are automatically entered at the discretion of the Coaching Staff, unless notified, in

writing or on the CVST web sites sign-up page, for that meet, that the swimmer will not be available for the meet. If done on the web site, a reason must be typed into the comment box to ensure that the swimmer is not entered. This must be done by that meet's Registration Deadline, which is also posted on the CVST web site. If this is not done, the swimmer will be responsible for the full entry fees incurred by the team.

## **DUAL/TRI/QUAD MEETS**

These meets are with two, three or four team(s). This type of meet is usually a PCL meet and is generally no longer than a few hours long. The coaching staff will determine which swimmers will represent CVST in these meets.

## **INVITATIONAL/OPEN/ASSOCIATION MEETS**

These meets, which involve multiple swim teams, usually require certain minimum certified swim times for swimmers to compete. These minimum times are included with more detailed information concerning the meet which is posted on the CVST website as early as possible, prior to a meet. The Coaching Staff will determine which meets and events swimmers are entered.

## **"B" MEETS**

These meets are available to all swimmers who do not have an "A" time in the individual event in which the swimmer is entered. The Coaching Staff will determine which meets and events swimmers are entered.

## **TEAM MEETS**

Certain meets are designated as "Team Meets" by the Coaching Staff. These meets are chosen depending on convenience, popularity of the meet, and of course, its importance as it relates to other meets. All swimmers that are qualified to attend a designated team meet should make every effort to do so.

## **TEAM TRIPS**

Occasionally, the team may take a trip by bus/van to a meet with the Coaching Staff. This meet requires qualifying standards as any other meet and special qualifying requirements set by the Coaching Staff for the members of CVST. These standards include practice attendance, maturity, times, etc. Prior to the meet the Coaching Staff will announce the names of those swimmers qualified to attend.

## **SO YOU'RE GOING TO A SWIM MEET!**

1. Plan to spend at least four (4) hours at an "Open" or "Invitational" meets (sometimes longer).
2. Plan to spend about 2 to 4 hours at small Development Meets.
3. Take along:
  - a. Blanket to spread or sit on
  - b. Entertainment items (cards, books, games, toys, etc.)
  - c. Money! (To buy heat sheets, souvenirs and snacks)
  - d. Suntan lotion & sunglasses
  - e. T-shirts for swimmers and hats
  - f. In cold weather, several towels and a change of clothing
  - g. Folding chairs or stadium seats
  - h. Warm-up outfits
  - i. Goggles, cap, team suit, extra suit
  - j. All swimmer's clothing and towels marked with his name
  - k. Sleeping bag for cold weather meets
4. Buy a heat sheet upon arrival at the meet.
5. Know ahead of time what events your swimmer(s) will be in, locate their events and heats in the heat sheet and tell them the numbers (remember this information was posted at the pool), and write the events, in marker, on their legs.
6. Make sure your swimmers see their Coach before and after each event.
7. It is the responsibility of the swimmer to be ready and on the blocks for each event. This way the Coaches can be sure to see all swimmers race. The Coaching Staff will not hunt for your child before a race.
8. Remind your swimmers to get their times from the lane timer when they get out of the water and to report this time to the coaches. These times are not the necessarily the official times, nor are the times on the score boards. The official times will be posted in the "Results Area" after the event has been scored.
9. Do not permit your swimmers to indulge in horseplay or roughhousing during any meet.
10. Do not allow your swimmers to eat during a meet without checking with the Coaching Staff first.
11. Do not leave the meet until it is over without checking with the coaches. A child is often due to swim a relay at the very end and the relay would have to scratch without one swimmer.
12. Do not talk with the Coaching Staff unnecessarily. They need their attention for the swimmers and their times.
13. Encourage your swimmers to rest between events. All swimmers should remain in the designated team area during the meet.

14. Plan to work at the meet if possible. This will make it go by much faster.
15. It is a USA Swimming rule that no smoking is permitted on the pool deck.
16. For overnight trips plan for heat, sun, cold, or rain! Remember, REST for the swimmers and a good night's sleep is extremely important.
17. Vocally support all CVST swimmers!
18. HAVE A GOOD TIME!!

## **CVST REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The CVST program is available to members of the Carrollwood Country Club and Grandchildren of members.
2. CVST Registration is done on-line via the CVST Web Site at [www.CVST.org](http://www.CVST.org).
3. All CVST swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming. USA Swimming registration fees are due at the same time as CVST registration fees.
4. All Swimmers must sign a CVST Code of Conduct Form.
5. All Swimmers must be aware of the CVST Bullying Policy.
6. All Swimmers must be aware of the CVST Electronic Communication Policy.
7. All Parents must sign a CVST Parents Code of Ethics Form, MAAPP Form and take the Safe Sport for Parents Course.
8. CVST also requires a Medical Release Waiver be completed for each swimmer, which gives the CVST Coaching Staff the authority to seek medical attention for the swimmer in the case of an emergency.
9. Swimmers that did not swim with CVST during the previous season must try out and have the approval of the Coaching Staff to join the team.
10. All CVST Accounts must have an active credit card attached to their account for billing.
11. All Dues and Fees are non-refundable.
12. A Registration Fee will be charged to all accounts: annually for continuing swimmers; where a swimmer is new to the team or is returning to the team after not being active and/or registered with the team for any period of time; any member who's credit card fails to transfer funds on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month .
13. A Late Fee will be assessed monthly to all accounts not paid in full by invoice due date.
14. After an account is delinquent for more than one month the account may be sent to Collections.

### **FEE INFORMATION**

Swim fees are due by the 10th day of the first month of each session (a one-week trial period for new swimmers is available at the discretion of the Coaching Staff). Refunds will be made only if written notification is received by the CVST Treasurer prior to the end of the first week of practice. These refunds will not include the CVST Registration Fee or the USA Swimming Registration Fee.

Swim fees consist of:

1. Registration Fee: \$25.00 administrative fee charged annually and to all new CVST Swimmers and those swimmers returning to team after not being registered or active for any period of time, and who have been removed from "Active" status with the team;
2. Program Fees: SR 1-\$400, SR 2-\$385, Silver-Gold-\$370, Bronze-\$355 - per 4-month session;
3. USA Swimming Registration (\$75 per calendar year) is billed on fall session statement for the upcoming year.

Swimmers joining the team with four weeks of the session or more past, will be allowed to subtract \$35 from the Program Fees for that session. The following fee schedule will go into effect for the last four weeks of all sessions: \$25 per week.

In the Summer Session only, a swimmer may subtract \$35, from his/her Program Fees if he/she will miss four or more consecutive weeks of practice at any time during the session. A written notice of this, listing the exact 4 weeks the swimmer will miss, must be e-mailed to the CVST Treasurer, at [Pam@CVST.org](mailto:Pam@CVST.org), prior to the sessions billing due date.

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

A Registration Fee of \$25.00 is charged:

- a. annually for continuing swimmers
- b. at registration for new swimmers and those returning to team after not being registered or active with CVST for any period of time
- c. for any swimmers whose credit card associated with their accounts fail to transfer funds due to CVST on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

### **PROGRAM FEE**

The program fee is more often referred to as `coaching fees` because these fees are almost entirely used for paying the Coaches. The amount you will pay will vary with the practice groups (i.e. Senior I, Senior II, Gold, Silver and Bronze).

### **USA SWIMMING FEES**

A USA Swimming Year-Round Fee is due once a year or when registering for the first time. All CVST swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming. This fee will be added to each swimmer's registration in September of each year, for the upcoming year's registration.

## **ENTRY FEES FOR MEETS**

Swimmers will only be able to enter swim meets if their account balances are up to date and less than 30 days past due and have a valid credit card attached to their account.

Once the entry fees for a meet have been sent, there is no way of recovering those fees, whether or not your swimmer actually swims or not. The team, and therefore you, are committed to that expenditure. If a swimmer is scheduled to swim a relay and is a "no show" then that swimmer will also be charged the total relay fee for that relay. Entries must be received by a host club a minimum of ten days prior to the first day of the meet, most of the time much earlier to ensure the team's entry is accepted.

Entry fees for swim meets must be paid at the time entries are mailed; therefore, it is the policy of CVST to bill entry fees for each swimmer monthly. Meet entries generally vary from \$1.50 to \$10.00 per event depending on the type of meet.

There is also a "Coaches Fee" of \$10.00 per swimmer when he/she is signed up for a meet (This fee is generally waived for "Night at the Races" meets held at Carrollwood. If a swimmer is scheduled to swim a relay and is a "no show" then that swimmer may be charged the total relay fee.

Meet Entry Fees will be billed on the last day of each month to the credit card on file for each account.

## **FAMILY COMMITMENT & FUNDRAISING**

Fund Raising is an essential part of our program. CVST holds a number of small fund-raisers each year, as well as the Boys & Girls Club National Championships, the Annual Tampa Bay Swim Classic and the CVST Sweetheart Meet (the team's major fund-raising events of the year). Full parent and family participation is required at all these fundraising events.

With the Boys & Girls Club Nationals, the "Classic" and the Sweetheart Meet, parents are required to work a minimum of 3 out of the 5 sessions at each meet (This requirement applies even if your child does not swim in these meets or sessions). A \$100.00 service fee will be assessed per session for families that do not meet this service commitment at each of these meets. Families may use substitutes to fill their session commitment for these meets, ie. Neighbors, Friends, Relatives.

## **INSURANCE**

CVST provides no insurance coverage. Parents are encouraged to provide adequate insurance protection to cover any accident that might occur traveling to, participating in, and returning from any activities for the Carrollwood Village Swim Team. The USA Swimming registration fee does include a minimum insurance coverage while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned meets and practices.

## **PAYMENT/ONLINE CREDIT CARD PROCESSING**

Online Credit Card Processing is mandatory for all CVST Age Group Accounts. Your account will use your credit card to pay your dues, entry fees and other monthly expenses. We have secure online credit card processing with our billing system that dramatically reduces the amount of time our volunteers spend trying to collect money.

It's simple to enable our electronic payment processing system. Simply visit our team website at [www.cvst.org](http://www.cvst.org) to Sign In into your account. If you do not have a username and password, please email ([Info@CVST.org](mailto:Info@CVST.org)) to request access from a team administrator. Once logged in:

- Click on *Your Name* at the top right of the Home Page
- Then Click on *My Account* in the drop-down menu
- Then Click on *Payment Setup* under the Account Name on that page and follow the instructions.

You can review monthly invoices outlining what your credit card has been debited for and you can review your current and past billing histories through the "My Account" section of our team website.

If a Credit Card attached to an account is declined for any reason,

- a. The Account will have until the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month before their swimmers will be fully suspended from the team, unless previously arranged or approved by the CVST Board.
- b. At this point a letter/email will be sent to the address on the account and will read that the swimmers cannot participate in any/all team functions and events, including practice. And cannot incur any additional charges.
- c. The letter will also include that the family has Five (5) business days from notification to resolve the issue, or their Account will be sent to our Collections Agency.

Please maintain an active email address that you frequently access as there will be frequent communications both for billing and other team functions. You may also input additional email addresses should you have them.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED...

### OF CVST SWIMMERS AT PRACTICES:

1. Arrive at pool ten minutes early to dress and to stretch.
2. Be on deck ready to go on time with all of your required equipment.
3. Be at practice for the entire time.
4. Set up your practice time mentally, come to swim, improve skills and work hard. Total effort builds better swimming!
5. Learn to read the pace clocks.
6. Dry off before you leave and dress for the weather!
7. Do dry-land exercises vigorously.
8. Check you CVST Mailbox daily.

### OF CVST SWIMMERS AT MEETS:

1. Wear your team suit, cap and T-shirt.
2. Mentally go through your race before stepping on the blocks; feel and act confident, you are ready!
3. Watch the other swimmers, especially the good swimmers. Learn from them.
4. When any teammate does a great job, let him know, whether in a meet or at practice.
5. Practice GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
6. Help teammates out, especially younger or new swimmers.
7. ALWAYS get your time after each race and be sure to report to your Coach before and after each race.

### OF CVST SWIMMERS AT OTHER TIMES:

1. Think positive!
2. If a problem should arise, seek help from the Coaching Staff.
3. Be positive, criticism should be constructive, suggestions stated in a positive manner are welcomed more readily.
4. Support your team, be PROUD TO BE A CVST SWIMMER, prove that you are interested in your teammates.
5. Attend team functions.
6. Lend a helping hand, a few people cannot effectively do everything. If you do not understand, don't be afraid to ask.
7. Realize that YOU ARE EXPECTED TO REPRESENT CVST IN A POSITIVE MANNER AT ALL TIMES!
8. Help in general fund raising as required. Remember that its purpose is to provide funds to support the overall Swim Program and YOU are the Swim Program.
9. Check the CVST Web Site at least once a week!

### OF CVST PARENTS FOR PRACTICES:

1. If you provide the transportation, see that your child is at practice on time (10 minutes prior) & ready to swim, and make sure your child is picked up promptly after practice (10 minutes after).
2. Make sure your child has all of their required practice equipment with them when you drop them off.
3. Allow the Coaching Staff to do their job of coaching by leaving the pool deck during practice. Remember all practices are closed unless you have the permission of the Coaching Staff.
4. Save questions until practice has been completed or for another time. Time in the water is crucial.
5. Be supportive of your swimmer and their Coaches.
6. Check your CVST Mailbox weekly.

### OF CVST PARENTS AT MEETS:

1. Get your swimmer(s) to warm-ups on time!
2. Help work the meet as Timers, Marshals, Hospitality, Etc If CVST is hosting the meet.
3. Support, encourage, and congratulate all swimmers.
4. Encourage GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP and GOOD MANNERS from your child.
5. Never question an Official's judgment or come on to the pool deck during a meet.
6. Insist on enough sleep for your child and any others that might be in your care.
7. Strive for behavior at its best, 100% of the time. Discourage running and horseplay at meets and at hotels.
8. Respect other's rights to rest.
9. At home meets, help make sure team equipment is cleaned up and put away after the meet.
10. At away meets, help clean up team areas and make sure any team equipment (ie. Team Tent) is being brought home

### OF CVST PARENTS AT OTHER TIMES:

1. Think positive!
2. If a problem should arise, seek help from the Coaching Staff.
3. Be positive, criticism should be constructive, suggestions stated in a positive manner are welcomed.

4. Support your team, be PROUD TO BE A CVST PARENT, prove that you are interested parents.
5. Attend meetings.
6. Lend a helping hand, a few people cannot effectively do the work. If you do not understand, ask.
7. Realize that YOU ARE EXPECTED TO HELP RUN THE MEETS THAT WE HOST.
8. Take your turn bringing team tents to and from away meets. The team has tents available for these meets, but parents must arrange to get these tents to and from meets.
9. Help in general fundraising as required. Remember the purpose is to provide funds to support the overall team.
9. Keep your account information and account balance current.
10. Check the CVST Web Site at least once a week!

### **POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND ENVIRONMENT**

A supportive and understanding family environment is essential to all swimmers. Be totally aware of the amount of effort your swimmers put forth and the sacrifices they make.

Relating your confidence in your child's ability is great! But don't let it reach the point of harassment.

If your swimmer bases his entire success on meeting your demands and wishes, he will ultimately fail. Let the pressure on performance and excellence come from within the swimmer and from the Coaching Staff. This will psychologically mature your swimmer more than anything else you can do as a parent.

## SWIMMING LINGO

**10x100** - This number describes the number of sets times the distance of each set. The pool is 25 yards long. If you were to swim from one end of the pool to the other end, you have completed 1x25. If you were to make it a round trip and swim from one side to the pool and back you have swum 50 yards, or 1x50. If you were to swim 2 round trips then you have swum 100 yards or 1x100. If you were to swim 100 yards ten times, then you have done 10x100!

**1:30** - Swimmers use a pace clock to time their sets. They always speak in minutes and seconds. When coach tells you to swim a set on "the one thirty" he is saying that you have 1 minute, 30 seconds to complete the set, or 1:30.

**15-METER MARK** - Marks on the sides of the pool and on the lane lines 15 meters from the ends of the pool. In Freestyle, Backstroke, and Butterfly events the swimmer must surface at or before these marks.

**ABANDONMENT** – Termination of an open water event prior to its completion due to safety considerations.

**ADAPTED SWIMMING** - Swimming for persons with a disability.

**AEROBIC** - Pertaining to or presence of oxygen.

**AGE GROUP SWIMMING** - the program through which USA Swimming provides fair and open competition for its younger members. It is designed to encourage maximum participation, provide an educational experience, enhance physical and mental conditioning, and develop a rich base of swimming talent.

**AGGREGATE TIME** - Times achieved by four individuals in separate starts which are added together to arrive at a relay time for entry purposes.

**ALTERNATE**- In a Prelims/Finals meet, after the finalist are decided, the next two fastest swimmers other than the finalist are designated as alternates. The faster of the 2 being first alternate and the next being second alternate. If a finalist cannot participate, the alternates are called to take their place, often on a moment notice.

**ALTERNATE BREATHING** - In freestyle swimming, breathing to the right side then swimming three strokes and breathing to the left side, then swimming three strokes and breathing to the right side, etc. (See also Bilateral Breathing.)

**AMATEUR SPORTS ACT** - The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (1998) (or as applicable, the Amateur Sports Act of 1978), as amended from time to time.

**ANAEROBIC TRAINING** - Training that improves your efficiency of your body's energy producing systems that do not require oxygen and can increase your muscular strength and tolerance for acid-base imbalances (such as the production of lactic acid) during high intensity effort.

**ANCHOR**- The final swimmer in a relay.

**APPROVAL** – A permit issued by an LSC for meets conducted in conformance with USA Swimming technical rules in which both members and non-members may compete.

**AREA 3 or AREA 3&5 CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Season ending Championship for the entire team, with some restrictions on Junior Olympic and Senior Championship swimmers.

**ARM** - That part of the body that extends from the shoulder to the wrist.

**ASCA** - The American Swim Coaches Association. The professional organization for swim coaches throughout the nation. Certifying coaches and offering many services for coaches' education and career advancement.

**ASCENDING INTERVAL** - Intervals or swims that increase in time (:55, 1:00, 1:05, 1:10, 1:15).

**ASCENDING SET** - A series of swims of the same distance whereby the swim time increases with each successive repeat. The swimmers times on an ascending set of 4x50 on a 1:00 minute interval may be :40, :42, :44, :46.

**ATTACHED** - Status of an athlete member who represents a member club in competition.

**B CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Florida Swimming's Winter Championship Meet for swimmers below the Junior Olympic level.

**BACKSTROKE** - In the backstroke the swimmer must stay on his or her back, except during the turns. The stroke is an alternating motion of the arms -- much like the crawl stroke -- with a flutter kick. A swimmer is not required to touch the wall with his or her hand before executing the turn. The key to proper interpretation of the backstroke rule is the phrase "continuous turning action", i.e., a uniform, unbroken motion with no pauses. In a more technical interpretation, after the shoulder rotates beyond the vertical toward the breast, a continuous simultaneous double arm pull may be used to initiate the turn. There shall be no kick, arm pull, or floatation that is independent of the turn. The position of the head is not relevant. In all U.S. Swimming and FINA competition, each swimmer's head must surface within 15 meters of the start of the race.

**BACKSTROKE FLAGS** - Pennants that are suspended over the width of each end of the pool approximately five yards/meters from the wall that notify backstroke swimmers that they are approaching the end of the pool, similar to a warning track in baseball. The accomplished Backstroker will know how many strokes it takes to get from the flags to the beginning of their turn.

**BEEP** - The starting sound from an electronic, computerized timing system.

**BELL LAP/GUN LAP** - The last lap of a distance Freestyle race. The Starter normally rings a bell over the lane of the lead swimmer with one lap plus 5 yards to go.

**BIG FINALS** - The top 6, 8 or 10 swimmers (depending on the # of pool lanes) in a Prelims/Finals meet who, after the Prelims swim, qualify to return to the Finals. Big Finals is the fastest heat of finals when multiple heats are held.

**BILATERAL BREATHING** - Breathing both sides. (Example: In freestyle breathing every third stroke).

**BLOCK** - The starting platform.

**BODY** - The torso, including shoulders and hips.

**BODY POSITION** - The way your body sits in the water during swimming. Ideal body position requires that your body is as straight and long and as close the surface of the water as possible.

**BODY ROLL** - Refers to the proper side-to-side rotation of the hips in Freestyle and Backstroke swimming. Rolling from the left side of your body to the right side and back again helps reduce drag and improve stroke length. Swimming "flat" would be the sensation of swimming directly on your stomach/back all the time.

**BONUS HEAT** - (C, D, E... Final) - The third, fourth, fifth... fastest heat of swimmers competing in finals for placement in an event.

**BOOSTERS** - Parents and/or other interested community groups or individuals that are supporters and followers of CVST.

**BOTTOM** - The reading on a pace clock that corresponds to a seconds reading of "30". Typically, a coach will instruct swimmers to leave (begin) "on the bottom" or "on the 30". Also see "Top".

**BOUYANCY** - This is the upward supportive force of water, counteracting the downward force of gravity. The force of buoyancy is determined by the density of the water; the greater the density the greater the buoyancy. Factors which affect a swimmer's buoyancy and floating position are: age, body build and bone size, muscular development and weight distribution, amount of fatty tissue, lung capacity and water density.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** - This is a national swim meet hosted by CVST held in April of each year. All CVST swimmers are expected to participate in the meet and all CVST parents are required to work at the meet.

**BREAK-OUT STROKE** - First stroke out of a start or off the walls on turns, very important for establishing proper body position and stroke rhythm.

**BREASTSTROKE** - Perhaps one of the most difficult strokes to master, the breaststroke requires simultaneous movements of the arms on the same horizontal plane. The hands are pushed forward from the breast on or under the surface of the water and brought backward in the propulsive stage of the stroke simultaneously. The kick is a simultaneous thrust of the legs called a "frog" or breaststroke kick. No flutter or dolphin kicking is allowed. Swimmers must touch the wall with both hands at the same time before executing their turn.

**BROKEN SWIMS** - Swimmers swim a 500 broken when they swim 200 and rest 10 sec, swim 150 and rest 10 sec, swim 100 and rest 10 sec, and swim 50 and finish.

**BUILD-UP SWIMS** - Swimmers swim 3 X 50's build up...i.e., with each 50 the swimmers begin smooth and build to a fast finish.

**BULLYING** - The severe or repeated use, regardless of when or where it may occur, by one or more USA Swimming members of an oral, written, electronic or other technological expression, image, sound, data or intelligence of any nature (regardless of the method of transmission), or a physical act or gesture, or any combination thereof, directed at any other member or Participating Non-Member that to a reasonably objective person has the effect of: (i) causing physical or emotional harm to the other person or damage to the other persons property; (ii) placing the other person in reasonable fear of harm to himself/herself or of damage to his/her property; (iii) creating a hostile environment for the other person at any USA Swimming activity; (iv) infringing on the rights of the other person at any USA Swimming Activity; or (v) materially or substantially disrupting the training process or the orderly operation of any USA Swimming activity (which shall include, without limitation, practices, workouts and other events of a member club, LSC or Zone).

**BULKHEAD** - A wall constructed to divide a pool into different courses, such as a 50-meter pool into two 25 yard courses.

**BUTTERFLY** - The most physically demanding stroke, the butterfly features the simultaneous overhead stroke of the arms

combined with the dolphin kick. The dolphin kick features both legs moving up and down together. No flutter kicking is allowed. As in the breaststroke, swimmers must touch the wall with both hands before turning. The butterfly was "born" in the early 1950's as a loophole in the breaststroke rules and in 1956 became an Olympic event in Melbourne, Australia. In all U.S. Swimming and FINA competition, each swimmer's head must surface within 15 meters of the start of the race. This rule was passed at the 1998 FINA Congress in Perth, Australia. USA's Misty Hyman, among other swimmers, had utilized an extended underwater start prior to the restriction.

**BUTTON** - The manual Timing System stopping device that records a back-up time in case the touch pad malfunctioned. The button is at the end of a wire, plugged into a deck terminal box. There are usually 3 buttons per lane. It is the timers responsibility to push the button as the swimmer finishes the race.

**CAP** - The latex or silicone covering worn on the head of swimmers. The colors and team logo's adorning these caps are limitless.

**CATCH** - Occurs with hand entry into water. The hand "catches" or "grabs" water.

**CHAMPIONSHIP MEET** - The meet held at the end of a season. Qualification times are usually necessary to enter meet.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL** - (A Final) – The fastest heat of swimmers competing in finals for placement in an event.

**CHECK-IN** - The procedure required before a swimmer swims an event in a deck seeded meet. Sometimes referred to as positive check in, the swimmer must mark their name on a list posted by the meet host.

**CIRCLE SEED** - In a Prelims and Finals (championship) format, the fastest three heats of each event in Prelims is specially seeded: the fastest swimmer is in the fastest heat, the second fastest swimmer is in the next heat, the third fastest swimmer is in the next heat, the fourth fastest swimmer is in the fastest heat and so on until the three heats are filled up. As opposed to the normal slowest to fastest seeding in the rest to the heats (used in a Timed Finals format).

**CIRCLE SWIMMING** - Performed by staying to the right of the black line when swimming in a lane to enable more swimmers to swim in each lane.

**CLASSIC** - See Tampa Bay Swim Classic.

**CLERK OF COURSE** - The USA Swimming-certified official responsible for deck seeding and organizing swimmers into heats (usually, a parent-volunteer). Also, where scratches and relay cards are turned in, and on-going meet information is available for the coaches.

**CLOCK** - The big clock on the wall or deck is used for interval training. If the clock is not digital, the red hand goes around every minute (60 seconds). The 60 is sometimes referred to as the "top" and the 30 as the "bottom." Swimmers must be able to read the clock and calculate their times. Swimmers who watch the clock and know their times improve the most - they get feedback, learn pace, and improve technique.

**CLOSED COMPETITION –**

- Competition exclusively among members of a single club
- Competition or series of competitions within an independent organization open only to members of that organization, such as:
  - YMCA competition
  - Sumer league competition
  - Conference competition
  - Summer league competition
- Closed competition does not include representing a group within USA Swimming such as LSC, Zone, Region, or Section

**CLUB** - an organization which has been accepted for membership in USA Swimming.

**COACH** - An indefinable human being who works daily with our children, the person who directs practices and coaches at meets and helps guide our swimmers' progress (parents are supporters and make decisions based on a child's needs for personal growth, matters regarding their swimming should be discussed with their Coach).

**CODE OF CONDUCT** - An agreement between swimmer and Coach, stating that the swimmer will abide by certain behavioral guidelines.

**COMPETITION CATEGORY** – Stated as male or female for the purpose of athlete swimming eligibility, competition, selection and records. An athlete's stated competition category shall be referred to as "gender."

**COMPETITIVE SWIMMING** - The act of competing for time or place against time or another swimmer.

**CONFORMING TIMES** - Time achieved in a course that corresponds to the meet competition course.

**CONSOLATION HEAT** - (B Final) the second fastest heat of swimmers competing in finals for placement in an event.

**CONVERTED TIME** - A swimmer's time in an event from one course converted to an equivalent time in that event in another course (e.g., SCY times converted to LCM times), often done at the beginning of a season for seeding purposes when swimmers don't have recent times in the new course. There "accepted" conversion formula is available in the Florida Swimming Handbook.

**COURSE** - Designated distance over which the competition is conducted.

**LONG COURSE** - 50 meters.

**SHORT COURSE** - 25 yards or 25 meters.

**CUT (STANDARD)** – Slang for Qualifying standard; a time set for entry into a meet or event.

**CVST** - Carrollwood Village Swim Team, Inc.

**CVST B MEETS** - These are meets hosted by CVST in the Spring and Fall of each year open to swimmers who do not have "A" Times. All CVST swimmers who are eligible are expected to participate. All CVST parents are expected to work these meets.

**CVST INVITATIONAL** - This meet may be held in the Spring prior to the Florida Swimming Junior Olympic Championships as a "Last Chance" meet. All eligible CVST swimmers are expected to participate and all CVST parents are expected to work this meet.

**CYCLE** - A series of sets. Multiple sets swum one after another comprise a cycle. An example of a complete cycle would be swimming 2x100, followed by 4x100, followed by 8x50.

**DECK CHANGE** – Changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes.

**DECK PASS** - The official mobile application of USA Swimming.

**DECK SEEDING** - The process of organizing swimmers into events, heats, and lanes (usually by the Clerk of Course) at the meet as it progresses (as opposed to pre-seeding by computer prior to the meet).

**DECLARED FALSE START** - An option for swimmers to opt out of a swim without penalty. In Prelims, a swimmer notifies the Referee prior to the event that he/she will declare a false start. The swimmer is disqualified and does not report to the blocks or swim. This is not permitted in all meets and must be in the meet information letter.

**DEHYDRATION** - The abnormal depletion of body fluids (water). The most common cause of swimmer's cramps and sick feelings.

**DESCENDING INTERVAL** - To swim each repeat in a faster time than the previous. Ex. 4 x 50 yard on a 1-minute interval. Do #1 in 50 seconds, #2 in 48 seconds, #3 in 46 seconds and #4 faster than 46 seconds.

**DESCENDING SET** - A series of swims of the same distance whereby the swim time decreases with each successive repeat. The swimmer's times on a descending set of 4x50 on 1:00 may be :46, :44, :42, :40

**DEVELOPMENTAL SWIMMING** - A program designed for swimmers whose ability is below the Junior Olympic Level.

**DISQUALIFICATION "DQ"** - The loss of points and a time due to an infraction of the rules which govern the meet.

**DISTANCE** - Term used to refer to events over 400 meters/500 yards.

**DRAFTING/SLIPSTREAMING** – Swimming behind or next to another open water swimmer or support craft for the purpose of taking advantage of the reduced water resistance created by the former's wake.

**DRAG SUIT** - A second, loose fitting swimsuit worn by swimmers in workout and warm-up that adds weight and resistance to the flow of the water around the swimmer.

**DRAGGING** - Swimming in the wake or behind another swimmer.

**DRAW** - Random selection by chance.

**DRILL** - An exercise involving a portion or part of a stroke, used to improve technique.

**DROPPED TIME** - When a swimmer goes faster than their previous performance in an event, they have 'dropped time' (also a Personal Best Time).

**DRYLAND TRAINING** - Training done out of the water that aids and enhances swimming performance; usually includes stretching, calisthenics and/or weight training.

**DUAL MEET** - Competition between two teams.

**END OF COURSE** - Designated wall for racing turns and finishes.

**ENTRY FEE** - A set fee paid to swim each event at a meet.

**ENTRY FORM** - Form on which a swimmer enters a competition. Usually includes USA Swimming I.D. number, age, sex, event number and time.

**ESCORT CRAFT** - Boats or paddle boards used in open water competition for the swimmers' safety and logistical support.

**ESCORTED SWIM** - An open water event in which each swimmer is required to have an escort craft accompany the swimmer throughout the race.

**EVEN SPLIT** - Swimming the first and second halves of a swim in identical times.

**EVENT** - Any race or series of races in a given stroke and/or distance. For competitive limits, one event is inclusive of preliminary heat(s) plus its related final(s), or one timed final, or one time trial.

**FALSE START** - Occurs when a swimmer is moving at the start of a race, prior to the starting signal. In USA Swimming, one false start will result in disqualification.

**FATIGUE** - Short term sensation of tiredness and reduced performance.

**FEED POLE** - A mechanical implement used by coaches or support personnel to deliver fluid and/or food to open water swimmers during a race.

**FINA** - Federation Internationale de National de Amateur, the international governing body of competitive swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming.

**FINAL** - The Championship heat of an event in which the top six, eight or ten swimmers from the preliminaries compete, depending on the number of lanes in the pool.

**FINALS** - A session of a meet in which the concluding heats of an event are contested which may include championship, consolation, or bonus finals.

**FINISH** - The instant that a swimmer touches the wall at the end of the prescribed distance.

**FINISH POINT** - The physical location where an open water race terminates.

**FIRST DAY OF MEET** - Day on which the first competitive swimming event is conducted.

**FLAGS (Florida Age Group Swimming Championships)** - Florida Swimming's Season ending 14&Under Championship Meet.

**FLAGS** - Backstroke flags placed 5 yards/meters from the end of the pool depending on the course. They enable backstrokers to execute a turn more efficiently by counting their strokes and not having to look for the wall.

**FLORIDA SWIMMING, INC.** - The branch of USA Swimming of which we are a member, and the hosts of our Championship meets; our Local Swim Committee (LSC).

**FORWARD START** - A forward an entry made while facing the course.

**FREESTYLE** - In the freestyle, the competitor may swim any stroke he or she wishes. The usual stroke used is the Australian Crawl. This stroke is characterized by the alternate overhand motion of the arms and a flutter kick which can be either a six-beat-per stroke or two-beat-per-stroke cycle rhythm. The slower two-beat kick is used in the distance races, while the faster, six-beat kick is used in the sprint events and at the very end of the distance races. In all U.S. Swimming and FINA competition, each swimmer's head must surface within 15 meters of the start of the race.

**FREESTYLE RELAY** - In the freestyle relays, four swimmers each swim one fourth of the total distance. As in the medley relay, no individual may swim more than one leg of the relay.

**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE RACES (FNR)** - A low pressure developmental swim meet, hosted by CVST, where new and younger swimmers get a chance to experience a meet situation, with officials, but without disqualifications and where swimmers receive awards for every event swum. All CVST parents are expected to work at these meets.

**FRONTAL RESISTANCE** - This is the resistance to forward progress made by the water immediately in front of the swimmer or any part of the body. This resistance is caused by the swimmer's shape in the water.

**FOUL** - An instance of obstruction, interference, collision, or equipment malfunction which prevents the successful completion of a race.

**GOAL** - A specific time achievement a swimmer sets and strives for. Can be short or long-term.

**GRAB START** - The swimmer stands on the block/edge, toes curled over edge, hands holding onto block.

**GUTTER** - The area along the edge of the pool in which water overflows during a race and is recirculated through the filtration system.

**GRAVITY WAVE** - Wave action caused by the swimmers' bodies moving through the water. Gravity waves move down and forward from the swimmer, bounce off the bottom of the pool, and return to the surface in the form of turbulence.

**HEAT** - A division of an event in which there are too many swimmers to compete at one time. (See Preliminary Heats and Timed Final Heats)

**HEAT SHEETS** - A printed program of events and "who swims when" sold at most meets, a MUST for parents.

**HORIZONTAL** - Parallel to the surface level of the water.

**HYPOXIC BREATHING** - Breath control swimming such as underwater swimming or breathing every fifth or seventh stroke in Freestyle.

**IM** – Slang for Individual Medley; an event in which the swimmer uses all four strokes in the following order: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle.

**INITIAL DISTANCE** - That first portion of a race for which an official time may be recorded but which is not in itself a completed event.

**INTERVAL** - The time given to complete a given distance, plus rest. For example: 4x50 yards on a 1-minute interval. This means four repetitions of a 50-yard distance every 1 minute. If it takes 50 seconds to swim, you will get 10 seconds rest before beginning the next swim.

**INVITATIONAL** - A swim meet open only to teams invited to participate. Usually, it's a Prelims and Finals (championship) format, qualifying times are required, and entry fees are higher.

**JUNIOR OLYMPICS** – Old name for FLAGS, Florida Swimming's Season ending 14&Under Championship Meet.

**KICK BOARD** - A flotation device used by swimmers during training when swimming with legs only.

**KICKING** - Propelling by use of the legs only. Kicking sets or exercises often include the use of kickboards and/or fins.

**LACTATE TOLERANCE TRAINING** - Training during which the body experiences a lack of oxygen, resulting in the production of lactic acid. During the production of lactic acid, the swimmer typically experiences a burning or aching sensation in the muscles.

**LACTIC ACID** - In the absence of oxygen, as with anaerobic training, your body will breakdown muscle sugar (glycogen) using a process that produces an acidic by-product waste called lactate acid. Your muscles may start to burn or ache as lactic acid accumulates and your body can't keep up with removing it from your muscle stores.

**LANE ROPES/LANE LINES** - Continuous floating dividers attached to a cable stretched from the start end of the pool to the turn end, used to delineate the individual lanes. These dividers are made of individual finned disks that rotate on the cable when hit by a wave. The rotating disks dissipate surface tension waves in a competitive pool.

**LAP COUNTER** - A set of plastic display numbers used to keep track of laps during a distance race; the person who counts for the swimmer, stationed at the opposite end of the start.

**LEAD BOAT** - The boat used as a course guide for open water swimmers.

**LENGTH/LAP** - Extent of the course from end to end.

**LONG COURSE** - A pool 50 meters in length. USA Swimming conducts most of its summer competition in long course.

**LONG DISTANCE** - Any freestyle event over 1500 meters, normally conducted in a natural body of water, such as a lake, river or ocean. Also known as Open Water Swimming.

**LSC** - An administrative division of USA Swimming with supervisory responsibilities within certain geographic boundaries designated by USA Swimming. Our LSC is Florida Swimming, Inc.

**MARSHAL** - The officials (usually, parent volunteers) who control the crowd and swimmer flow at a swim meet. They are primarily responsible for safety in the venue.

**MASTERS SWIMMING** - A program for swimmers aged 19 and older who wish to continue swimming, but not necessarily at

the senior level. Age groups are in five-year increments.

**MEDLEY RELAY** - In the medley relay, all four strokes are swum by four different swimmers. No swimmer may swim more than one leg of the relay, which is swum in backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle order. Additionally, it is possible to see a record in the 100-meter backstroke (the first leg) in this race.

**MEET** - Competition designed to be a learning experience. By implementing what has been learned in practice, the swimmer tests himself against the clock to see how he is improving, usually 1 to 4 days.

**MEET ANNOUNCEMENT/MEET INFORMATION** – Document setting forth information of the meet's events, schedule, and procedures.

**MIDDLE DISTANCE** - Term used to refer to events of 200 yards/meters to 400 meters/500 yards in length.

**MILE** - The slang referring to the 1500-meter or the 1650-yard freestyle, both of which are slightly short of a mile.

**MIXED CLASSIFICATION** - Meet in which events of Age Group and Junior, Senior, or any other classification are offered.

**NATIONAL REPORTABLE TIMES/TOP 16** – Time standards set for both short and long course based on previous years' achievements. Only times meeting these standards may be submitted for consideration each year. The Top 16 submitted times in each event are recognized.

**NEGATIVE SPLIT** - Swimming the second half of the race equal or faster than the first half.

**NON-CONFORMING TIME** - Entry time achieved in a course which does not correspond to the course in which the meet will be conducted.

**NT** - No Time - Abbreviation used on a heat sheet to designate that the swimmer has not swum that event before and does not have an official time of record.

**OBSERVED SWIM** - In approved season-ending High School/YMCA championship meets, USA Swimming Officials observe the swims and report USA Swimming rules violations. Swimmers whose legal swims conform to USA Swimming rules can use their times as official times in USA Swimming-sanctioned meets.

**OFFICIAL** - A judge on the deck of a pool at sanctioned and approved competitions that enforce USA Swimming rules. There are stroke and turn judges, administrative officials, starters, timers and referees.

**ONDECK** – The official mobile application of Carrollwood Village Swim Team.

**ON THE BACK** – Position of the body when the shoulders are at or past vertical towards the back.

**ON THE BREAST** – Position of the body when the shoulders are at or past vertical towards the breast.

**OPEN WATER SWIMS** – Any swimming competition that takes place in rivers, lakes or oceans.

**OVER FATIGUE** - Over fatigue (too much training) can be a problem with dedicated swimmers and leads to poor performance. Many times, the over fatigue is due to the lack of sleep and poor eating habits.

**OVERHEAD STARTS** - Start procedures at a meet in which swimmers of the previous heat remain in the water, close to the wall, during the start of the next heat. Usually used in senior sessions/meets to save time and/or allow swimmers to rest before exiting the pool.

**PACE** - The swimmer swims at a certain speed that corresponds to a race distance. Thus, a swimmer may be swimming at a pace of 1:20 (or one minute twenty seconds) per 100. Usually, the pace is expressed in terms of 100 yards/meters.

**PACE CLOCK** - Large clock with a large face, used to check pace or maintain intervals in practice (may have hands or be digital).

**PACING** - An attempt by a person not participating in an open water race to enter the water with the intent of providing moral support or otherwise assisting a swimmer in setting tempo of the race.

**PADDLER** - Person on a paddle board or manually propelled craft who supports an open water swimmer or group of swimmers.

**PADDLES** - Colored plastic devices worn on the swimmer's hands during swim practice to increase resistance.

**PARENTS** - A group of adults, who supply money and drive their children to and from practices and meets, support their children and Coaches.

**PARKA** - Large 3/4 length fur lined coats worn by swimmers. Usually are in team colors with logo or team name.

**PERSONAL ASSISTANT** - Person assigned to aid a disabled swimmer.

**PERSONAL BEST** - The best time a swimmer has achieved so far in a given event.

**PRELIMINARY HEATS OR PRELIMINARIES** - Competition in which a number of heats are swum to qualify the fastest swimmers for the finals.

**PRIVATE CLUB LEAGUE (PCL)** - Group of local club swim teams forming a swim league open only to members of the affiliated clubs.

**PROGRAM** - The order of events, including starting times and intermissions in a meet or portion thereof (See Session), sequentially listed by class of competition, sex, age group, distance, and stroke as set forth in the meet announcement.

**PROOF OF TIME** - A requirement at some meets to make certain that all swimmers have legally met the time standards for that meet. Monetary fines may or may not be assessed for any failed swim at meets.

**PROPULSION** - This is the force that drives the swimmer forward and is created by the swimmer's arms and legs.

**PSYCH SHEET** - A printed order of events by session with swimmers listed in order, usually fastest to slowest according to their entry times. It does not show heats. After scratches are turned in, the session is seeded, and heat sheets are printed. Normally used at senior, sectional, and national meets. Also used at deck seeded meets, but heat sheets aren't usually printed.

**PULL BOUY** - A flotation device used for pulling by swimmers in practice.

**PULLING** - A swim during which only the arms are used. Pulling generally implies the use of a pull bouy, a flotation device placed between the legs. Hand Paddles are also often used.

**QUALIFYING TIMES (QTs)** - Published times that must be achieved during a given period in order to enter certain meets.

**RACE PACE TRAINING** - Swimming in a workout that simulates the speed at which a swimmer will compete.

**READY ROOM** - A room/area on or near poolside for the swimmers to report and relax before they compete in Finals.

**REFEREE** - The head official at a swim meet that makes all final decisions based upon USA Swimming rules.

**RELAY** - A race in which each team member covers a specified portion of the course.

**RELAY LEG** - The part of a relay event that is swum by a single team member.

**REPEAT** - A single swim in a set, also referred to as a repetition. A set of 20x25 on :40 contains 20 repeats of 25 yards. Also referred to as a "Rep".

**REST / REST INTERVAL** - A specified amount of rest between two swims in a set. A set of 5x200 with a 1:00 rest interval means that a swimmer rests for 1:00 after the conclusion of each 200 regardless of the 200 swim time.

**SAFETY** - The condition of being safe. Safety procedures are designed to prevent accidents.

**SANCTION** - A permit issued by an LSC to a USA Swimming group member to conduct a meet in conformance with all USA Swimming rules in which all participating swimmers are athlete members of USA Swimming except as provided in the USA Swimming Rules & Regulations.

**SCISSOR KICK** - Use of the top of the instep of one foot and the bottom of the other foot in the propulsive part of the kick.

**SCRATCH** (from an event) - Withdraw an entry from competition.

**SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Florida Swimming and the Gold Coast Swimming of the USA Swimming Southern Zone combine to hold this season ending Championship Meet.

**SEED** - To distribute the swimmers among the required number of heats and/or lanes, according to their submitted or preliminary times.

**DECK-SEED** - Swimmers are required to check in for their events on the day of the meet. After scratches are determined, events are seeded.

**PRE-SEED** - All entrants are seeded prior to the day of competition

**SEND-OFF** - Similar to interval, a send-off of 2:00 means that the swimmer starts each swim two minutes apart. Send-off may also refer to the actual position or reading on a pace clock, such as a send-off on the "top" or "bottom".

**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Florida Swimming's Open season ending Championship Meet.

**SENIOR SWIMMING** - The program through which USA Swimming provides fair and open competition in National Swimming Championships. It is designed to afford maximum opportunity for participation, provide an educational experience, enhance physical and mental conditioning and develop a pool of talented athletes for international competition. There are no age restrictions on senior competition.

**SENIOR ZONES** - Southern Zone Senior Championship Meet - contested once a year at the end of the long course season. To compete swimmers must achieve the qualifying Time Standards.

**SESSION** - Portion of meet distinctly separated from other portions by time (usually a morning or afternoon set of events for different age groups).

**SET** - Workouts are divided up into sets of swims in a particular stroke, style, and distance, such as kick sets, pull sets, distance sets, sprint sets, I.M. sets, etc. Sets are given in terms of the distance to be swum, calculated in yards or meters depending on the pool. Therefore, a "set" of "25's" means swimming one length of the pool before resting, "50's" means two lengths, and so on.

**SHAVE** - The removal of all arm, leg, and exposed torso hair, to decrease the 'drag' or resistance of the body moving through the water and to increase the "feel" for the swimmer. Usually done only at very important meets.

**SHORT COURSE** - A pool 25 yards/meters in length. USA Swimming conducts most of its winter competition in short course.

**SIMULTANEOUSLY** - Occurring at the same time.

**SPEEDO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES** - Open "senior level" meets held in the spring and summer. Each Zone may hold up to four meets. Meets are commonly called "Sectionals." Qualifying times, sites, dates and meet rules are determined locally.

**SPLASH MAGAZINE** - The USA Swimming magazine that is mailed bi-monthly. A benefit of being a member of USA Swimming.

**SPLIT** - A time taken at an intermediate distance, e.g., a 25-yard time for a 50 yard race

**SPONSOR** - An individual or business that financially supports CVST.

**SPRINT** - Describes the shorter events (50 and 100). In training, to swim as fast as possible for a short distance.

**STARTER** - A Certified Official responsible for starting each event and being sure that each start is fair for all participants.

**STARTS & TURNS** - Many races are lost in poor starts and turns. In the start, the swimmer is called to starting position by the starter who visually checks that all swimmers are in the down positions and still. Then, once the starter is satisfied, the race is started by either a gun or electronic tone. If the starter feels that one of the swimmers has jumped early, the race will be recalled, and the offending swimmer disqualified. Quick turns are essential to a good race. In all events the swimmer must touch the wall, but in the freestyle and the backstroke, the swimmer may somersault as he or she reaches the wall, touching only with the feet. In the other two competitive strokes, the swimmer must touch the wall with one or both hands before executing the turn.

**STREAMLINE** - The position used to gain maximum distance during a start and/or push-off from the wall in which the swimmer's body is as straight and tight as can be.

**STROKE AND TURN JUDGE** - A certified official that walks the deck or stands at the end of the pool during a meet to certify the legality of individual strokes and turns.

**STROKE RATE** - The amount of time taken for one complete stroke cycle.

**SUPPORT PERSONNEL** - Persons in an open water swimmer's escort craft who provide for feeding, navigating, coaching, and other supporting activities.

**SWEETHEART MEET** - CVST's Annual Short Course Swim Meet, held in February each year. All CVST swimmers are expected to participate in this meet and all CVST parents are required to work at the meet.

**SWIM-OFF** - In a Prelims and Finals (championship) format, a second race after the scheduled event to break a tie between swimmers, in order to determine which swimmer makes it into which finals heat or the order of the alternates.

**SWIM SHOP** - Located at the pool, this is the place to buy all your swimming needs, from team caps to goggles, they all can be purchased here, special order items such as jackets, parkas, and warm-up suits are also available at different times of the year. For CVST team suits and any other equipment that the Swim Shop does not carry, contact one of our CVST "Team Dealers":

- Team Suits & Training Equipment - Total Team Wares (800-888-8843).
- Training Equipment & Practice Suits (CVST gets % of sales back) - Swim Outlet ([www.SwimOutlet.com/CVST](http://www.SwimOutlet.com/CVST))

- Embroidery - All-Star Athletic & Apparel (813-491-4366) - 7620 Gunn Hwy, Ste. 160, Tampa, FL 33625
- All Special-Order Items - CVST Swim Shop - Allison Smith – 813-731-9370

**SWIMS (SWIMMING WEB-BASED INTERACTIVE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM)** - A single integrated database system which includes USA Swimming membership data and a databank of achieved times that are considered official and are recognized for proof of entry and recognition programs.

**TAMPA BAY SWIM CLASSIC** - CVST's Annual Long Course Swim Meet, held in early summer each year. All CVST swimmers are expected to participate in this meet and all CVST parents are required to work at the meet.

**TAPER** - The resting process in training for swimming competition. Reduced training volume and intensity gives the body and mind a break from the rigors of intense training. Coupled with quality rest away from the pool, it allows the swimmer's body time to repair itself and to restore its energy reserves to prepare for major competition. Studies have found tapering to produce a marked increase in muscle strength. During the middle of the swimming season, a swimmer works out several thousand yards/meters each day. As major competition draws near, usually two to three weeks out, the swimmer will "taper" off the distances swum each day. A perfectly designed taper will enable the swimmer to compete at their peak capability and is one of the most difficult aspects of swim coaching.

**TEXTILE MATERIALS** - Natural and/or synthetic, individual and non-consolidating yarns used to constitute a fabric by weaving, knitting, and/or braiding, or as further defined under current FINA swimwear rules.

**THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE RACES (FNR)** - A low pressure developmental swim meet where new and younger swimmers get a chance to experience a meet situation, without officials and where swimmers receive awards for every event swum. CVST Parents are expected to work these meets.

**TIME STANDARD** - The time a swimmer must have previously achieved in order to compete in that event at any a designated competition.

**TIME TRIAL** - A sanctioned "time-only" swim which is not part of a regular meet (usually used for qualifying purposes).

**TIMED FINAL HEATS OR TIMED FINALS** - Competition in which only heats are swum and final placings are determined by the times performed achieved in the heats.

**TOP** - The reading on a pace clock that corresponds to a seconds reading of "0" or "60". Typically, a coach will instruct swimmers to leave (begin) "on the top" or "on the 60".

**TOUCH** - Contact with the end of the course.

**TOUCH PAD** - A large sensitive board at the end of each lane where a swimmer's touch is registered and sent electronically to the timing system.

**TRACK START** - Swimmer stands on block/edge, one foot in front with toes over edge, other foot behind, hands holding onto block.

**TRYOUT** - Practices where a swimmer who is not a member of CVST participates with a CVST for a period of one week (7 consecutive days), in a calendar year, to determine the swimmer's interest in becoming a member of USA Swimming.

**TURN** - A point where the swimmers reverse or change direction.

**TURNOVER** - The number of times a swimmer's arms pull/recover (cycle) in a given distance or time during a race.

**UNATTACHED** - A registered swimmer who is not attached to a registered USA swim team. If a swimmer changes teams, that swimmer must swim unattached for 120 days from the last day of meet competition representing the former team.

**UNDERWATER PULLOUT** - Long, full arm stroke past the hips used in breaststroke out of the start and off the walls on the turns.

**USA SWIMMING, INC. (Formerly USS)** – The National Governing Body that regulates our sport. All CVST swimmers are registered with USA Swimming and each has been assigned an identification number. This USA Swimming registration and number expires at the end of each year and new applications must be made at that time.

**USA SWIMMING CARD/NUMBER** - A membership card with a unique number assigned to a swimmer when he/she joins USA Swimming. This card may be required at any given competition (CVST keeps these cards in case they are needed for meet entry purposes).

**VENUE** - The area located on the sides and ends of the pool, spectator area, team areas within the pool facility (e.g., portion of the building designated for teams and swimmers, or fenced area around an outdoor pool), locker rooms, and such other areas as may be specifically designated by the host club or organization, meet director, or referee; in open water competition, the geographical area and environs where the meet is conducted.

**VERTICAL** - At a right angle perpendicular to the normal water level surface.

**WALL** - Vertical portion of the pool, contiguous surfaces of the deck and overflow gutter, the front portion of the starting block or platform, or the touchpad at the end of the course.

**WARM-DOWN** - Low-intensity swimming used by a swimmer after a practice, set or race to rid the body of excess lactic acid, and to gradually reduce the heart rate and respiration.

**WARM-UP** - Low-intensity swimming used by a swimmer prior to a practice, set or race to get muscles loose and warm and gradually increase heart rate and respiration.

**WARNING SIGNAL** - A bell, whistle, air horn, or another appropriate audible device.

**WATCHES** - Stopwatches used to time the swimmers during a competition. When automatic timing equipment is used, watches serve as a back-up method.

**WAVE** - At an open water event, a second or subsequent start used if the start area cannot accommodate all contestants at the same time.

**YARDAGE** - The distance a swimmer races or swims in practice. Total yardage is usually calculated for each practice session.

**ZONES** - Southern Zone All-Star Championship Meet or Southern Zone Senior Championship Meet - contested once a year at the end of the long course season. To compete in the Age Group Meet, swimmers must be selected to the Florida Swimming All-Star Team. To compete in the Senior Meet, swimmers must achieve the qualifying Time Standards.



# **Carrollwood Village Swim Team**

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