



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Swimming for Tampa Bay Aquatics is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. Swim parents are expected not only to abide by this code of conduct themselves, but also to be always mindful that they are an example to others, especially their children. The goal of the code of conduct is to protect team members and ensure a healthy, successful swim experience.

1. Assure that swimmers arrive at practice on time and rested.
2. Provide health nutrition and fluids.
3. Provide required equipment and uniform. Assure that my swimmer understands the importance of proper maintenance of his or her property.
4. Show respect for practice and meet facilities, including regard for rules and policies in effect at pools, meets, hotels, restaurants and anywhere else the team may have a presence.
5. Avoid lingering around the pool during practice to avoid distracting the swimmers or coaches.
6. Attend team events; build strong and positive relationships with team members; maintain an open line of communication with the team.
7. Respect the relationship between my swimmer and his or her coach, showing support and respect for team policies and rules. Support the coach if he or she must use appropriate discipline with my child.
8. Practice good sportsmanship while conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials and the coaches at meets and practices.
9. Remember my role on the team:
 - Swimmers – **Swim**
 - Coaches – **Coach**
 - Officials – **Officiate**
 - Parents – **Parent**
10. Specifically, I will avoid “coaching” my own child during practice and/or at meets or interfere in any way at the pool, recognizing and respecting the role of the coach and my responsibilities as a parent.

11. Maintain an open line of communication with the coaches and my athlete about goal setting, practice attendance and work ethics.
12. Provide positive reinforcement to all swimmers in all situations, while promoting team spirit and team loyalty. Avoid name-calling, abusive language, in appropriate gestures or any other behavior directed at any participant in the sport.
13. Address any questions or concerns regarding decisions made by meet officials during competitions to a member of our coaching staff.
14. Agree to pick up my child after practice in a timely manner at the designated ending time.
15. Fulfill financial commitments on a timely basis and work at sponsored meets as required by club rules.
16. Allocate time and resources to assure swimmers are able to participate in the meets scheduled and required for the team. Understand that TBAY is a team, and all athletes are important to the team's success. Just as an athlete on a baseball, soccer, or volleyball team would not miss a game, our swimmers will be at planned meets. This holds true, especially, for season-ending championship meets.
17. Do not promote or further gossip and hearsay, get the facts from a member of the board or coaching staff.
18. Show willingness to serve as a volunteer, realizing that the parents' role is critically important to team success, and that the parents are equal partners with coaches and swimmers in TBAY.
19. Comply with all guidelines and regulations set forth by Florida Swimming and USA Swimming.

If there is a failure to comply with these rules or any other rules or regulations set for the team, parents may be subject to discipline, including but not limited to suspension, and/or expulsion from the team. Ultimately, the coach, and the team board of directors may impose discipline to protect the athlete and the team. Parents are responsible for any and all liabilities resulting from their own misconduct or that of their child.

Athlete's Name(s) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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