

GCST Parents Code of Conduct

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

- I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities.
- I will get my child to practice, and swim meet warm up times, at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- I will get involved by volunteering, observing practices, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
- I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
- I will not interfere with coaches during practice and at swim meets. I will contact them by e-mail and set up an appointment to discuss any issues I have with the coach, team, or my swimmer.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials.
- I will direct my concerns to first to my child's coach then, if not satisfied, to the GCST Head Coach, Don Henshaw.

I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action, removal from the facility, and possibly, removal from the team.

Signature(s)

Date