

## **Code of Conduct and MAAPP Agreements**

I agree that my child/children will sign and will need to adhere to the athlete code of conduct. I also agree to the parent code of conduct listed below and understand if I break any portion of the parent code of conduct their may be disciplinary action which is also listed.

I agree to follow all portion of USA Swimming in conjunction with USA Swimming and Diving MAAPP Policy written below that I can find on the Elkhart United Aquatic's website.

### **Parent 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 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 understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language, gestures, or actions directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, other parents 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 appropriate supervisor.
- I will follow the rules of the facilities where my son and or daughter is participating

I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action such as a suspension and or expulsion of myself from future Elkhart United Aquatics practices, meets, or events.

### **Bullying Reporting Expectations for Parents**

A parent who feels that their child has been bullied should do one or more of the following things: Talk to a Elkhart United Aquatics coach, Board member or other



designated individual; Write a letter or email a Elkhart United Aquatics 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 stop the bullying behavior as soon as possible and to make sure that memories are fresh and behavior can be accurately recalled.

## **Other Club Expectations**

### **Volunteer Requirement**

For all Elkhart United Aquatics hosted meets, all families are required to work 2 sessions per swimmer or diver regardless of swimmer or diver participation in meet. Diving families will be required to work diving meets only and swimming families will be required to work swimming meets only. Requirements may be completed by parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Fines of \$50 per session not completed will be assessed. During high school swim and dive season, high school swimmers will not be penalized volunteer sessions.

### **Prelim / Final Meets**

1. Parents will notify their coach or the head coach prior to the first day of a Prelim /Final meet if they think they may be scratching events for an evening session.

A few of the reasons for this rule are listed below.

- a. Coaches will not be responsible for checking and replying to text messages throughout a meet so that they can dedicate their time to coaching.
- b. Coaches need the ability to plan opportunities to scratch athletes before the session starts for the day so they will not miss races or the scratch deadline.
- c. We believe that if an athlete gets a chance to swim in finals they should use that opportunity for practice of prelim/final swimming. Skills they will need as they continue to get better.



- d. One of our goals, at most prelim final meets, is the team point total at the end of the meet. Meet points from both consolations and finals are added for the team total.
  - e. Athletes need to know they are supported whether they are receiving a ribbon for consolations or a medal for finals.
  - f. Each final and consolation swim is a chance to improve.
2. If a parent does not communicate with their child's coach or the head coach before the first day of the meet (usually Friday afternoon) and asks for their child to be scratched on the day of the race or their child does not show up for their finals/consolation race, the parent will incur a \$50 fee for a Saturday event, and an \$100 fine for a Sunday event.
- a. If a child is scratched into a consolation/finals and they fail to show for the session the fees above will be waived.
  - b. In case of an emergency situation the above fees will be waived.
  - c. If a child is at session and fails to compete a race and the host team fees are waived, a \$50 fine will be assessed on a Sunday final/consolation event missed event.

A suspension or expulsion may occur as written in the guidelines from the athlete code of conduct and parent code of conduct forms.

**Team Assignments.** The assignment of the Swimmer and or Diver(s) to a practice team shall be the decision of the coaching staff. An assignment may be modified during the season if the coaching staff believes a different practice team would be more appropriate for the swimmer or diver.

The following is USA swimming and Safe Sport MAAPP map policy.

(although this was posted in the online agreement, please see the next attachment for an easy to view document)

