



# MERRILLVILLE MARLINS SWIM CLUB

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### CELLULAR TELEPHONE/WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE Policy 2014 (Modeled after USA and Merrillville School Corp Policies)

1. All swim club member's cellular telephones and/or wireless communication device (WCD) must be turned off and secured in members swim bag or jacket, once they have entered the Merrillville High School pool area.
2. The use of Cellular Phones or any other wireless communications device (WCD) is prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms and/or swimming pool areas.
3. No expectation of confidentiality will exist in the use of wireless communication devices on pool premises/property.
4. Members are prohibited from using a WCD in any way that might reasonably create in the mind of another person an impression of being threatened, humiliated, harassed, embarrassed or intimidated.
5. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the WCD. The coaching staff may also refer the matter to law enforcement if the violation involves an illegal activity. Discipline will be imposed on an escalating scale ranging from a warning to termination of membership based on the number of previous violations and/or the nature of or circumstances surrounding a particular violation. If the WCD is confiscated, it will be released/returned to the swimmer's parent/guardian after the swimmer complies with any other disciplinary consequences that are imposed. Any WCD confiscated by the MMSC Coaching Staff will be marked in a removable manner with the student's name and held in a secure location in the coaching staff office until it is retrieved by the parent/guardian.
6. Swimmers are prohibited from using WCDs to capture, record or transmit the words (i.e. audio) and/or images (i.e., pictures/video) of any swimmer, coaching staff member or other person in the pool area or while attending a MMSC Sponsored event. Using a WCD to take or transmit audio and/or pictures/video of an individual without his/her consent is considered an invasion of privacy and is not permitted.
7. Possession of a WCD by a swimmer is a privilege that may be forfeited by any swimmer who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in misuse of this privilege.
8. Any club member who discovers a swimmer in possession of or using a WCD in violation of this policy is required to report the violation to the a member of the coaching staff immediately..
9. Swimmers are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Coaching Staff and MMSC Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices