**PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

PCA’s Parent Code of Conduct ensures we create a supportive environment for our swimmers and coaches so every athlete can achieve their full potential.

* 1. PCA parents, through their actions and conduct, will exhibit good sportsmanship and encourage their children to do the same at all times. PCA parents will serve as positive role models for their children and teammates.
	2. PCA parents will respect and cooperate with coaches, team members, opponents, spectators and officials at all times.
	3. PCA parents respect the integrity of swim officials by assuming decisions are based on honest, objective evaluations of performance. Only coaches may approach meet officials.
	4. PCA parents recognize PCA coaches are professionals and allow them to coach without interference. PCA parents leave coaching to the coaches and respect all coaching decisions such as practice group assignments, meet entries, training focus, etc.
	5. PCA parents will not interact with lifeguards at any time or for any reason.
	6. PCA parents with a concern related to any coach or official within PCA should discuss the concern with the athlete’s coach privately and in a professional manner. If the matter is not resolved, the issue should be brought to the attention of the Head Age Group Coach or the Head Coach. If the response is unsatisfactory, a PCA parent may submit a formal written, signed and dated statement to the PCA Board President. The President is authorized to create a panel of 3 Board members who, in their discretion, will review the matter and make a decision that is final and cannot be appealed.
	7. PCA parents will not access locker rooms in use by athletes. In addition, the use of audio or visual recording, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms at any time.
	8. Parents are more than welcome to view swim practices and/or lessons from the pool balcony. However, for insurance reasons (safety and liability), parents are prohibited from entering the pool deck before, during, or after swim practices and/or lessons. You are welcome to speak with your swimmer’s coach/instructor in the pool lobby before or after practice.
	9. PCA Parents will not consume alcohol, tobacco products or illegal drugs and will comply with all facility guidelines at events PCA attends.

Any violation of this code will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, which will issue the appropriate response. This response could include one or more of the following: verbal or written reprimand, probation, or temporary/permanent suspension.