

Gator Behavioral Expectations

The Greenwood Gators are constantly working to maintain a safe and inviting program for our athletes, parents, and coaches. Athletes are expected to demonstrate a common level of respect for teammates, parents, coaches and the facility.

Unacceptable Behavior

- Disruptive talking or actions during practice or instruction.
- Horse play, dunking, spitting water, running on deck.
- Talking back to a coach or refusing instruction.
- Comments of a derogatory nature or explicit language
- Physical or verbal abuse of another swimmer, coach or official.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Deliberately damaging or misusing of equipment or facilities.

Failure to comply with these rules will subject the athlete to immediate contact of parent/ guardian and disciplinary action. At the discretion of the coach on deck, athletes may be removed from a practice or meet, as well as loss of deck and locker room privileges. If more extensive discipline is required the coaches, parent and athlete will meet before the athlete will be allowed to return to any Gator functions.

Physical contact such as hitting, slapping, kicking, spitting or biting will result in immediate removal from a practice or meet. The athlete(s) will not be allowed to return to any Gator function until the athlete, parent/guardian, and coach have had a behavioral meeting.

First offenses will result in a minimum of three (3) day suspension. Second offenses will result in a minimum of a 10 practice suspension, up to expulsion from the team.

During suspensions athlete will not be allowed to participate in any Gator function. This includes but is not limited to Championship Meets.

Locker Room Behavior

Athletes are expected to show respect to the facility and others personal belongings and personal space.

Personal belongings are not to be moved or tampered with. This is to protect all parties from damage, loss, theft, or accusations of theft.

Athletes should respect others personal space while in the locker room. This includes when athletes are changing or using the showers or restroom. Behaviors such as opening stall doors or interfering with another athlete while dressing will not be tolerated.

Failure to follow these rules will result in the loss of locker room privileges for up to 10 practices on the first offense. Second offenses will result in suspension from the team of up to 10 practices.

Absolutely NO pictures or video in the locker rooms, no exceptions.

Deck Equipment

No athletes are to use any deck equipment without direct coach supervision. This includes TRX bands, pull-up bars, blocks or any other implement that is on deck.

Policies Regarding Practice

- Greenwood Gators does not have a set attendance policy. As with most athletic activities, competition will improve as practice time increases. Your coaching staff spends a great deal of time preparing a practice schedule that caters to the variety of ages and ability levels.
- Swimmers should arrive at the pool practice facility no earlier than 15 minutes prior to their workout time and should be picked up no later than 15 minutes after practice time is over. No swimmer should be dropped off at any time unless the parent knows a coach is present. This is for their safety.
- In order to continue the good relationship that we currently have with the Greenwood Community Schools, no swimmers are allowed in any areas of the school other than the pool area and the halls that lead to it. It is also extremely important for siblings of swimmers, as well as any other young children involved with the team, to be under constant adult supervision.
- While at practice, swimmers are the responsibility of the coaching staff. During workouts, swimmers are not to leave the pool area without the coach's permission.
- Greenwood Gators are the guest of the Greenwood Community School Corporation, and it is our responsibility to respect this privilege. Any damage to school property may result in the financial liability of the swimmer's family. Any damage may also result in the swimmer being asked to leave the team permanently.
- Greenwood practices are extremely important. Therefore if the parent needs to speak to a coach, please plan to do so before or after the practice, do not interrupt the coach during a practice. The coach's responsibility is to the swimmer. When the attention is taken away from the swimmer the coach is not able to do their job.

Meet Behavior Policy

Swim meets are a stage for our club and athletes to showcase all of the Gators hard work and commitment. The following are expectations when at meets:

Attitude

Athletes displaying a poor or unsportsmanlike attitude during the meet will be removed. This includes throwing goggles, yelling or screaming in a non-cheering fashion, or any actions that interfere with the running of the meet.

Warm-Up Pools

Warm-up pools are to be used exclusively for swimming before and after a race. Athletes who are playing in the pool or inhibiting others from swimming will be warned. Upon a second warning these athletes will be confined to the stands with a parent between events or removed from the meet.

Deck and Locker Rooms

The same expectations and punishments that are followed at our home pool will be implemented when traveling for a meet. Remember we are guest of the hosting team and the deck area should be kept clean. Throw trash into the proper containers.

Off Deck Policies

Gator athletes represent the team in and out of the pool. This includes school and online. The following are expectations for our Gators athlete's when not on deck.

School Suspensions

In regards to any athlete who is suspended from his/her school will also be suspended from practice.

School Absences

If a student misses school due health or illness that athlete should not participate in practice.

Social Media

With many athletes using social media we must address that any negative or derogatory comments/post about teammates, schools, or other programs will not be tolerated.

Athletes who engage in this type of online activity will face suspicion from the team ranging from 1-10 days on the first offense. Second offenses will result in a 5 day suspension up to removal from the rest of season.

Athlete Injury

If an athlete has an injury that requires limited participation/restrictions, a note from either the parent or a physician outlining the restrictions will be required. Once athlete is cleared to return to practice without restrictions, a note will be required before they are allowed to resume normal practice schedule.