Parent Code of Conduct

***The purpose of this Parent Code of Conduct is to establish a consistent expectation for the parents members of Irish Aquatics. By signing this document, I unconditionally agree to comply with the stipulations of all documents***.

* Parents will cooperate with coaches, team members, opponents, and officials at all times.
* Swimmers are in the care of IA staff and coaches during all practices and meets.
* Parents should leave coaching to the coaches.
* Parents will refrain from approaching coaches on deck during practice hours and respect their need to focus on training the swimmers. However, parents can expect coaches to respond to an email in a timely manner (within 24-48 hours), except perhaps on meet weekends or when a coach is on vacation.
* Parents will allow coaches to coach during swim meets. Any communication with the coach should be for pertinent information (tardiness, need to scratch) and not just to ask questions or communicate with their swimmer(s).
* Parents will not engage in any negative discussions in the pool facility during practice or meets that is detrimental to the team.
* Parents are not permitted on the pool deck during practice or meets (with the exception of parents of Little Leprechaun swimmers who require assistance after practice only). Parents and family members are welcome to sit in the spectator areas during practices.
* Parents are responsible to have their swimmer(s) at the practice/meet facility 15 minutes prior to the start /warm-up so their child is prepared to get in the water on time.
* IA parents will positively support all swimmers, both from IA and other programs.
* Parents will use the proper chain of command when there is a question, problem, or disagreement: group coach, Head Coach/Head Age Group Coach, then parent board.
* Any objections to officials or coaches decisions at a swim meet should be reserved until after the conclusion of the meet session. At such time, the issue should be discussed with the coach (never the official) in a professional manner.
* Parents will teach and encourage their children to exhibit good sportsmanship and exhibit good sportsmanship themselves. This includes in person and on any and all social media platforms.
* Parents will not tolerate any sexual, racial, or gender based harassment or intolerance.
* Parents are as much a part of the team as the swimmers and as such should demonstrate all pillars of the team culture at all times.
* Parents should show and encourage loyalty within the team and the Club.
* Parents agree to and will abide by all team policies, specifically the MAAPP and the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.

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