

## Parental Supervision Policy

We will be following the VPCA pool rules, some of which are based on state law, for all practices, meets and events that occur at the Village Park pool.

1. **Gates must be kept locked at all times.** The gate can never be propped open. This represents a health hazard and the pool can be shut down if it receives a violation.
2. A gate monitor is required to be at the gate at all times during practice to let non-resident swim team members into the pool area.
3. Non-resident swimmers and their families may arrive no more than 15 minutes before practice and must leave within 15 minutes after practice.
4. Park your car in a designated parking area only.
5. **Everyone must help ensure the pool is left safe and clean after each use.**
6. Any children swimming in the wading pool must have a parent or adult at the wading pool.
7. Any children in the jacuzzi must have a parent or adult at the jacuzzi.
8. One swimming lane must be available on demand for non-swim-team residents to swim in.
9. **All children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or designated adult at all times while in the pool area.**
10. Swimmers will "check in" for practice with pool monitors, who will verify that necessary adults are in attendance. **If a swimmer is not accompanied by an adult (see previous guideline), he/she will not be allowed in the gate nor allowed to practice.** This policy is for your swimmer's safety. The situation will be referred to the Board at the first sign of offense.
11. **No running and no glass containers are allowed in the pool area.**
12. Do not allow your kids to hang on the lane lines. The lane lines could break and you will be responsible for this cost which is around \$1,500.
13. Swim caps should be worn by all swimmers.
14. Professional swim attire such as Speedos should be worn at all times. The coaches require that rash guards not be worn during the practice session as they make swimming and learning the proper technique more difficult.
15. Swim fins are required for all swimmers 7 years and older. Coaches will conduct special drills during practice that will require swim fins.
16. No diving into the pool except when instructed by the coaches to do so.
17. No diving or jumping into the pool where there is less than 5 feet of water.
18. **The Head Coach and coaching staff have complete authority at practices, events and meets. His/her directions must be followed at all times.**
19. **Parents are not allowed on the pool deck during practices. Parent coaching is not allowed. Do not interrupt coaches while they are coaching.**
20. **Children will not be allowed to swim if their parent is not meeting their volunteer responsibilities.**
21. Each parent will be required to sign the Village Park Piranhas Rules of Conduct, Parent Volunteer Enforcement Policy, Parent Code of Conduct and Publication Release form.

## Village Park Community Association Rules of Conduct

We have, for several years, had a Memorandum of Understanding with the Village Park Community Association (VPCA). This is a contract between the Piranhas and the VPCA that dictates how we are expected to operate in exchange for the use of the pool. We are including it in this booklet, so you may understand what the VPCA expects of us.

1. Non-resident swimmers and their families may not arrive more than 15 minutes before practice and must leave 15 minutes after practice.
2. The gate must be kept close and locked at all times. There must be a gate monitor at the gate watching who comes in and out.
3. One open lane must be left open at all times during team practice for non-swim-team resident use. Lane must be marked off as "open swim lane".
4. All children under 14 years of age must have a parent in attendance at all times.
5. Parents shall **only park in a designated parking space. There are no exceptions!** Cars will be towed at owners expense.
6. When practice has concluded, pool and deck must be left in a safe and sanitary condition, all equipment must be put away, and the front gate must be closed and locked.
7. Swim team may use the clubhouse for food preparation during swim meets. All clubhouse rules apply. If the clubhouse is not left in a clean and sanitary condition, there may be a charge of \$30 per hour for any additional cleanup expenses incurred by VPCA.
8. No children are permitted in the clubhouse. No wet clothing or towels are permitted in the clubhouse. All garbage must be bagged and removed to the dumpster after clubhouse use. Clubhouse must be left clean with vacuumed carpets, clean counters, furniture etc. Clubhouse will be available for use by VPCA residents with reservations no earlier than 2:30 pm on meet days. No swim team supplies will be kept in the clubhouse later than 2:30 pm on meet days. No swim team supplies for meets will be brought to the clubhouse before the meet unless permission is received from the office.
9. If swim team wishes to have a team function in the clubhouse, prior arrangements must be made with VPCA. No swim team member may use the clubhouse for a personal function unless they rent the clubhouse separately. Again, clubhouse must be left clean and secured.
10. Non-resident swimmers and their families must vacate the VPCA facility as soon as the meet is concluded and after take down is complete.
11. Parents must be instructed that if their child is in the wading pool they must be at the wading pool with them. Small children in diapers must wear swim diapers when at the pool.
12. It is the main responsibility of the parents to instruct their children NOT to hang on the lane lines. The approximate cost to replace a lane line is **\$1,500.00** and this would be the responsibility of said parent to reimburse the swim team for this cost. **Please advise your children.**
13. Please be considerate of your neighbors. **No meet setup or parent setting up of their own sites is allowed before 7:00 am** except for concessions.
14. PA System shall not be turned on before 7:00 am and shall be kept at half volume for swimmer warm-up before the meet begins. No sound check at full volume can occur prior to meet start.
15. Banners are only allowed during swim meets and only if they face inward.

## VILLAGE PARK PIRANHAS RULES OF CONDUCT

It is the goal of the Village Park Piranhas Swim Team to provide a positive atmosphere where children will learn safe swimming with the proper techniques and fair play through friendly competition in a team setting. Swimmers should be helped to realize their place of importance within our team and our community. Our swimmers are representing our team, our neighborhood and the Irvine Swim League (ISL). We have worked long and hard to present ourselves positively, and we trust you will work with us to maintain our positive standing.

### Behavioral Expectations

1. Swimmers should come to each practice and swim meet prepared to give their best effort.
2. A **Family** is defined as an ISL-registered swimmer and their parents, guardians, other family members and guests. “**Families**” is defined as one or more Family.
3. The Head Coach and coaching staff have complete authority at practices, events and meets. Swimmers and Families must listen to the coaches and follow their directions at all times.
4. Families must treat others with respect and courtesy. They will respect the rights and property of others. They will not disrupt meets, practices or other events by behaving inappropriately. This includes and is not limited to inappropriate language, rude gestures, harmful remarks, harassment, bullying, kicking, pushing, unsportsmanlike conduct, name calling, fighting, provoking a fight between other individuals, or participating in activities which result in physical harm or violence to any person or damage to any property.
5. Parents and guardians must follow the Parental Supervision Policy, ISL Parent Code of Conduct and the ISL Rules.
6. Families must follow the Village Park Community Association Rules of Conduct regarding appropriate use of the pool facilities.

### Disciplinary Procedures

In the event of unacceptable behavior as outlined above, attempts will be made to redirect the behavior through personal counseling with the Family.

1. If a Family violates the Village Park Piranhas Rules of Conduct, they may be removed from the practice, meet or event by the Head Coach or a Board Member.
2. If a Family is removed from a practice, meet or event, their parent must meet with the Head Coach and/or team President before they will be allowed to participate further.
3. The final decision on disciplinary action will be made by the Board of Directors of the Village Park Piranhas, and may take the form of an informal reprimand, removal from practices, meets, or events for a period of time, exclusion from social events, fines, or removal from the team with no refunds.

**I have read and understand the Village Park Piranhas Rules of Conduct policy and the other referenced Policies. By signing below, I agree that my Family will be subject to the policies.**

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Printed Name

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Names of Swimmers

## **VILLAGE PARK PIRANHAS PARENT-VOLUNTEER ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

It's Saturday morning and you're the meet manager. You're waiting for your volunteer parents to arrive, and most have, but not all. The meet is only minutes away from starting and you have just been informed that 3 parents have called with different excuses for not coming to this morning's meet. You have two spots to fill at the ready bench, and one spot to fill at timing. What are you going to do now?! You are forced to go around the deck and BEG for help.

1. Each family must perform 9 volunteer jobs.
2. When you sign up for the team you must provide a \$350 deposit check made out to the Village Park Piranhas. This check will be held for the swim season.
3. When the Vice President of Volunteers verifies your volunteer obligations have been met, the check will be destroyed.
4. If your family fails to fill any committed volunteer assignment the \$350 check will be cashed and the swimmer may not return to swim team until another \$350 volunteer check is provided for the swim season volunteer deposit. If your family completes your volunteer assignments without incident, the uncashed \$350 deposit check will be destroyed at season end. Note that the Village Park Piranhas and the ISL are charitable organizations so your payment will be considered a donation.
5. If you cannot work one of your job assignments, it is your responsibility to find a replacement worker, and to report your switch to the Vice President of Volunteers as soon as possible before the day of the job. A replacement worker may be another family member of legal working age, or a paid teenager per your arrangement and cost. If your replacement worker completes your job assignment then your volunteer obligation for that job assignment will be met.
6. Fulfilling a job assignment means starting on time and leaving when the job assignment ends. For example Gate Duty goes from 3:45 pm until 7:00 pm. You will need to be there for the entire time to fulfill your obligation.
7. If your check bounces you will be responsible for paying any associated bank fees.
8. Failure to pay a fine (donation) and any associated bank fees due may result in expulsion from the team for the current and subsequent seasons and require payment of all future fees and deposits with cashier's checks. Please don't let this happen!

**I have carefully read, and understand this Parent-Volunteer Enforcement Policy. By signing my name below, I agree that my family will be subject to this policy.**

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Printed Name

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Names of Swimmers

# IRVINE SWIM LEAGUE

## PUBLICATION RELEASE FORM

I hereby give permission to allow my child to be photographed and or filmed. I fully understand that these picture and videos may be used for a variety of publications, including, but not limited to:

1. The Village Park Piranhas website, Facebook and Shutterfly pages, and marketing materials
2. The Irvine Swim League website, Facebook and Twitter pages
3. Publication in the Orange County Register and Irvine World News. Note: publication here requires your child's first name, last name and team name be published.

- I agree to have my child's photo and name submitted as outlined above**
- I agree to have my child's photo submitted, but without their name**
- I do not agree to have my child's photo and name submitted as outlined above**

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent Printed Name

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Names of Swimmers