



# **Terre Haute Torpedoes**

## **Electronics Use Policy**

In an effort to help each member attain a performance standard above reproach or criticism, the following is a list of rules regarding the use of electronic equipment that every Torpedoes member must agree to:

1. **USE OF CAMERAS:** Under no circumstances will cameras be allowed in locker rooms. If your cell phone has a camera device, it may never be used in a locker room. Taking photos in a locker room is strictly prohibited. Photos will be confiscated or deleted. No photos containing nudity or inappropriate expressions or hand signals of any Torpedoes members will be sent, forwarded or posted.
2. **USE OF CELL PHONES:** No cell phones will be allowed out of swim bags during practice without a coach's permission to make or accept a call. During swim meets, as a courtesy to fellow swimmers and teammates, all cell phones should either have the volume on "low" or on "vibrate". All devices containing music should be used only with headphones or ear buds. Headphones or earbuds are not allowed during practice or dryland at any time.
3. **TEXT MESSAGES:** The texting of inappropriate language, use of swear words and foul language, and/or divulging personal or private information about another member without their consent is inappropriate behavior.

Any violation of these rules, depending on the severity, will result in consequences. At a minimum, a verbal warning will be issued and the infraction will be discussed between the parents, the coach, and the swimmer. To a disciplinary meeting between the violator, parents and the coach. For more serious infractions, or repeated minor infractions, consequences can include a one week suspension from practice and meets, the exclusion of the member from swim meets and/or travel trips, and could even result in suspension or termination from the Terre Haute Torpedoes. The consequence will ultimately be determined by the Head Coach with input from the Torpedoes Executive Board of Directors. When a potential violation is discovered, and or reported, it will be investigated quickly and dealt with swiftly. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis. Consequences may not be equal to all, but they will be fair to all.

At any time, the parents or guardians of an athlete may request that their child not be contacted by coaches through any form of electronic communication. This request should be made in writing, and can be delivered to the Head Coach or any member of the Board of Directors.