



Code of Conduct

The purpose of this [code of conduct](#) is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff, parents, and swimmers of the club. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship.

Parents / Guardians

As the parent/Guardian of a competitive swimmer, your main responsibility is to provide a caring, supporting environment. This support will encourage your child to feel good about his or her interest in competitive swimming. Show your support by ensuring your swimmer's attendance at practices and swim meets.

Parents/Guardians are not participants on their child's team but contribute to the success experienced by the swimmer and his or her team. Parents/Guardians serve as role models, and children frequently emulate their attitudes. Strive to be a positive role model. Most importantly, demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times toward coaches, officials, and other teams.

We as an organization highly encourage the following parental behavior:

- Open communication between parents, athletes and coaches emphasizing goal setting and focusing on the performance expectations of both the athlete and the parents
- Meeting with the coaches/athletes/parents during normal operating hours to discuss issues
- Positive reinforcement of all athletes in all situations; team spirit, team loyalty
- Parental involvement with the Parents' Advisory Committee, the "Barracuda Boosters" club, and in organizing and running of competitions and other team events

We as an organization wish to discourage the following behavior from parents:

- Coaching your children at practice or during competitions; that is the coach's job
- Interrupting or confronting the coaching staff during practice or competitions
- Abusive language towards coaches, athletes, parents, officials and your own children
- Any behavior that brings discredit or disruption to our athletes and our organization

Enclosed is a Parent Code of Conduct. The Code was developed as a standard to emphasize our organization's commitment to making everyone's involvement with our club a positive experience.



Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

The purpose of a [code of conduct](#) for parents is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents. As a parent/guardian, I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child's participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach the team. I agree with the following statements:

1. I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities.
2. I will get involved by volunteering, observing practices, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
3. I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
 - Swimmers – swim
 - Coaches – coach
 - Officials – officiate
 - Parents – parent
4. I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
5. I will respect the integrity of the officials.
6. I will direct my concerns to first to the coach of the group; then to the Head Coach; then, if not satisfied, to the Facilities Manager of the Arena Club.
7. I will not post any negative or derogatory comments, posts or photos on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc.) toward The Arena Club, the team, teammates, parents, or coaches. This also applies to other teams.

I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions of the Arena Club Aquatics in exchange for the privilege of my child(ren) registered with this agreement, to participate in the activities and swimming program of Arena Club Aquatics.

Sanctions: Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to ACA, or national governing body (USA Swimming), I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action.

ACA maintains the right to terminate any membership (either with or without proven cause) in the interest of our preserving our vision, mission, and objectives.



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I understand that if I violate this code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action determined by my coaches and the swim club's board of directors.

I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action.

Signature(s)

Date