



# Parent Code of Conduct

## New York Sharks Aquatics

New York Sharks Aquatics (NYSA) seeks to instill positive character-building traits through the demonstration of good sportsmanship, respect for others, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. We ask that parents and their guests attending NYSA sponsored events help us by reflecting these character traits.

When attending NYSA sponsored events, I therefore agree:

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all swimmers, coaches, officials and spectators at every meet, practice or other NYSA event.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, swimmer, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures, etc.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to abide by the spirit of the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other swimmers, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, or ability.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during meets and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at meets, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other swimmers during meets and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by team official, head coach, and/or member of NYSA leadership
- Written warning
- Parental practice and/or meet suspension with written documentation of incident
- Parental season suspension