**GCSTO’s TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS**

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:

* 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.
* I will get involved by volunteering, observing practices, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
* I will refrain from coaching my child(ren), or any other GCSTO athlete, from the stands during practices or meets.
* 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.
* I realize that as a GCSTO parent sexist, racist, homophobic, or otherwise inappropriate behavior will be faced with consequences.
* I will respect the integrity of the officials.
* I will direct my concerns to first to my athlete’s coach then, if not satisfied, to the GCSTO head coach, Steve Nye.
* I will obey all of GCSTO’s, Ohio Swimming’s and USA Swimming’s policies, rules, procedures and codes of conduct.

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

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