

The Role of Parents

Please review the BISC Code of Conduct for parents below. In addition, here are expectations of each swimmer and their family.

1. **Read the Handbook** The greatest contribution you can make to your swimmer's progress is to be a loving, supportive parent. Realize that your child is working hard and give all the support and encouragement you can. Trust the coach, encourage good diet and sleeping habits, and be an active part of the BISC family.
2. **Check the BISC web site** www.BainbridgeBluefins.com and check your email to keep up on current club events and any changes.
3. **Timely arrival** of children at pool. **Please walk children 10 and under into the pool.** Before leaving swimmers of any age at the pool, make sure there is in fact a practice; sometimes there are last minute cancellations due to pool problems.
4. **Timely pick-up** of children at pool. Coaches are not responsible for swimmers before or after the scheduled practice hours.
5. **Communicate questions/concerns** with the coaches. Ask questions. Please set up a time to meet with your child's coach about concerns. Do not ask during practice time.
6. **Provide transportation** to and from swim meets. Also, please make sure your child has adequate provisions for all day meets.
7. **Pay swim club bills promptly.** Monthly fees assessed on the first of each month, due by the 25th of the month and a \$20 late fee is assessed on the 26th of the month for unpaid dues.
8. **Do not leave young children unattended** at meets. Help first time parents understand etiquette and behavior at swim meets and practices. If you're unable to attend, arrange to have a responsible adult care for your swimmer. (Note: Coaches cannot be assumed responsible for transporting or watching swimmers at meets)
9. **Consider meet and practice schedules when planning vacations.** It affects the whole team when swimmers are not at meets or at practices. BISC takes pride in meet performance, and it impacts the whole team when a swimmer is not present. Every swimmer can have a positive impact on the overall team, regardless of whether they score points.
10. **When a swimmer is absent** from practice due to any circumstance, please be sure to inform the coach.
11. **Your Swimmer must be at practice** on a consistent basis to meet maximum potential.
12. **Understand that BISC Coaches are professionals.** From technique to team structure and direction, swimming is their profession.

BISC Parent Code of Conduct

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 always showing respect and common courtesy to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities. (Your son or daughter will be very aware of your behavior).
- I will be supportive of the coaching staff and team. The team is the coaching staff's responsibility, not mine. It is not my responsibility or business to investigate another family's concerns that are not my own. I will communicate with the coaching staff on issue spertaining only to my simmer(s). (This is different that Safesport reporting guidelines).
- I will get involved by volunteering, observing practices, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
- 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 will respect the integrity of the officials. I may not agree with all calls or decisions made by officials or volunteers during a team event, however; I will only direct my questions or concerns to a member of our coaching staff at an appropriate time (at least 24 hours after a swim meet).
- I will direct my concerns to my swimmer's primary group coach then, if not satisfied, to the head coach. Please review our Complaints, Suggestions, Concerns section in our handbook for further guidance.
- I will work to keep frustrations and disagreements between the coaches and myself, understanding that burdening my swimmer, other swimmers, or other families with such matters is not supporting myself, the coach, or the program.
- I will refrain from coaching my child during practices or meets.
- I understand that this code of conduct will be updated as needed and parent membership will be informed and expected to follow this code of conduct.

I understand the I will be subject to disciplinary actions or team dismissal as determined by my coaches for behaviors not consistent with the team's mission, values, and policies, regardless of whether those actions are tolerated elsewhere.

Signature(s)

Date