

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Huntington Barracudas Swim Team**

The Code of Conduct for Swimmers, Parents and Coaches of The Huntington Barracudas Swim Team is intended to safeguard and promote the well-being of all its members. The team believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the team should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the team with the Swim Team Parent Board.

Swim teams should offer a positive experience during which swimmers can learn new things in a safe and nurturing environment.

As a member of the Huntington Barracudas; swimmers, parents, and coaches are expected to abide by the following code of conduct:

#### ***SWIMMERS/PARENTS/COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO:***

- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
- Be supportive and committed to other team members.
- Avoid inappropriate peer pressure and not push others into something they do not want to do.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area.
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach. Follow the rules and respect the officials and their decisions.
- Take care of equipment owned by the club.
- All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity.
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like social media or texting.
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or team manager if they are going to be late.
- Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
- Show respect to all teammates and coaches and show team spirit.
- Keep themselves safe.
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations.
- Play fairly and be trustworthy.
- Be gracious in defeat and respect opponents.

- Not cheat or be violent/aggressive.
- Make your club a fun place to be.

***SWIMMERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO:***

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy the sport of swimming in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

Failure to comply with the team's code of conduct will result in consequences in proportion to the offense; including, but not limited to, first-time warning, forfeiture of the swimmer's next scheduled event, removal from the next meet or suspension from the team. Each infraction will be dealt with on an individual basis and a decision of the appropriate consequence will be made between the coaches, parents and parent board of the swim team.

In certain instances, parents may be asked to provide one-on-one monitoring of their swimmer at practices and/or meets in order for the swimmer and other swimmers to remain safe. The one-on-one may be provided by either the parent themselves or a qualified caregiver.

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