New Canaan YMCA Aquianas

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent of a swimmer and a member of the New Cannan Aquianas (NCA)/New Canaan YMCA (NCY), I will abide by the following guidelines:

1. I will demonstrate teamwork with all parents, swimmers and coaches by supporting the YMCA core values of respect, honesty, caring and responsibility.
2. I will not coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at a practice or meets (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with coaches on the pool deck.
3. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials and the coaches at meets and practices.
4. I will respect the following roles:

* Swimmers – swim
* Coaches – coach
* Officials – officiate
* Chaperones - care for the swimmers at meets
* Parents – parent

1. I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward the coaches, officials, chaperones, parents and/or any participating swimmer will not be permitted or tolerated.
2. I will allow the NCA coaching staff to conduct an investigation and/or disciplinary action as deemed necessary if a situation arises.
3. I will enjoy involvement with NCY by supporting the swimmers, coaches, chaperones and other parents with positive communication and actions.
4. I will abide by the timeframes set in place for contacting coaches. Cell phone calls and text hours will not go past 8 p.m. I will email a coach with a non-urgent topic. If I do not hear back within 48 hours, I will follow up with a second email or a text.
5. I will set up a meeting with a coach if a topic needs to be discussed. I will not wait for a coach after practice and demand a meeting/discussion take place at that time. I will respect our coaches personal time.
6. I will demonstrate and reinforce with my swimmer all NCY team policies including the use of digital devices and the NCY Athlete Code of Conduct. I will also model and reinforce the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.
7. I will make every effort to have my swimmer attend practices, arriving at the schedule start time and finishing at the designated end time. This is a team sport and having all team members in attendance is key to the success of the team.
8. I understand that decisions regarding the competition swimsuits are decided by the coaching staff.
9. During competitions, any questions or concerns I may have regarding decisions made by meet officials will be directed to a member of our coaching staff. As a parent, I will address officials via the coaching staff only.
10. I understand that swimmers are with the team during meets and may not be available for personal or family activities without coach or chaperone approval.
11. Coaches & chaperones work extremely long hours at meets and any non-life threatening concerns should be addressed after the meet by making an appointment with the coach.
12. I will not be on the pool deck during practices or competitions.
13. Parents are expected to be advocates for the team & speak positively about every swimmer, coach & parent.
14. I will make every effort to attend parent meetings. A lot of important information is discussed at the parent meetings and parents are expected to make every effort to attend and to read all documents distributed.

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to NCA/NCY, our Association, Region, Zone or USA Synchro, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action.

All parents must sign this Parent Code of Conduct for their daughter to be eligible to swim on the New Canaan Aquianas synchronized swimming team. **This document must be turned in no** **later than Monday, September 17th.**

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Parent Name Parent Signature

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