



"Developing student-athletes and igniting life champions through excellence in swimming"

AGE GROUP YELLOW EXPECTATIONS

Age Group Yellow swimmers strive to reach the following standards:

1. Age Group Yellow swimmers are emerging future leaders of the Age Group program at SCSC. They are learning to lead by example in technique, training, and personal conduct by demonstrating sportsmanship, a positive attitude, determination and desire to achieve.
2. Age Group Yellow swimmers aim to raise the standard of the age group divisions and to reach a higher standard within SCSC.
 - a. Takes ownership of their swimming and makes necessary technique changes on a daily basis.
 - b. Demonstrating a commitment level to their team by attending the recommended number of practices.
 - c. By proudly representing their team at practice, meets and social functions with their SCSC team gear.
 - d. By making the commitment each day to talk up their teammates in a positive manner regardless of group, ability and age, and work together to make the TEAM better.
 - e. By being prepared for each practice with all the necessary swim and dryland equipment.

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1. The goal for practice attendance is 4-5 practices every 2 weeks and when in attendance- **All in, All the time!** This requirement is to teach the understanding that **Practice attendance + Practice effort = Results!**
2. Listens well to instruction and takes the time to slow down and do the stroke technique correctly.
3. Coaches understand that things do come up outside of the swimmers' control that may affect his or her ability to make practice. Should this happen, swimmers are expected to communicate with his or her coach to determine if an alternate practice is available to act as a make-up.
4. Participation in local meets and appropriate away meets is highly encouraged!
5. Participation in dryland, meets and team activities is highly encouraged to build athleticism and encourage growth outside the normal practice setting.
6. Age Group Yellow swimmers make it a goal to create the best environment possible for themselves and their teammates by being positive, encouraging others and trying their best every day.
7. Age Group Yellow swimmers will show a commitment to the team and leadership skills by adhering to SCSC's suit policy for both general meets and championship meets.

Athlete-Coach Relationship at SCSC:

1. We believe that teaching each swimmer to take ownership of the sport is critical to self-development and success. A major part of that ownership is building a relationship with his/her coach built on trust and open communication.
2. An honest face-to-face conversation with the coach can go a long way toward alleviating any questions or concerns a swimmer may have about Age Group Yellow expectations. *As a parent you play a major role in developing this relationship. Also, you can provide background information to the coach about your child (medical conditions, past experiences that may be relevant, etc.) which may be useful in more effectively coaching your swimmer.*
3. Belief in one's team, coach, and group is necessary to achieve potential.

SCSC's Summer League Philosophy concerning Age Group Yellow Swimmers:

1. Swimmers are very much encouraged to participate with their summer league teams, but the ratio of SCSC practices to summer league practices shifts as swimmers develop. Consistency in coaching and training is critical to maintaining technique, so we recommend that our 12 and under swimmers in this group practice with SCSC at least 2-3 days a week. (4-5 practices in 2 weeks)