

SMRT Code of Conduct for Swimmers and Parents/Guardians

Parents/Guardians assume responsibility for communicating this code of conduct with their swimmers.

Swimmers

1. Each swimmer shall be considerate of teammates. Inappropriate behavior that reflects negatively on SMRT or is detrimental to performance objectives, or to one's or other's safety will not be tolerated.
2. Swimmers will display respect and sportsmanship toward teammates, coaches, officials, parents/guardians, administrators, fellow competitors and the public, to include both person and property. Hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any SMRT activity. Hazing is defined as persecuting or harassing with meaningless, difficult, or humiliating tasks.
3. The possession or use of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs is prohibited. The possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, non-prescribed drugs and/or the improper use of prescription and OTC drugs is prohibited.
4. SMRT expects all members of the club, whether parents/guardians or swimmers, to protect and improve the club's excellent reputation within the swimming community.
5. Swimmers will be in appropriate attire during practice and meets. Two-piece bathing suits are not allowed during practice or competition.

Parents/Guardians:

1. Parents/guardians shall encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support and respect for all swimmers, coaches, and officials at every meet, practice, or other youth swim event.
2. Parents/guardians shall insist that their child swims in a safe and healthy environment.
3. Parents/guardians shall demand a swimming environment for their child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
4. Parents/guardians shall require that their child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a USA Swimming coach.
5. Parents/guardians shall place the emotional and physical well-being of their children ahead of their personal desire to win.
6. Parents/guardians shall not talk to coaches during practice unless there is an emergency and there is a need to remove your child from the pool.

7. Parents/guardians wishing to stay on deck during practice hours should sit in designated areas. At the WLS Pool, parents/guardians should sit on bleachers on the opposite side of the locker rooms closest to the shallow end of the pool. For the MLK Pool, parent/guardians should sit on bleachers in front of the women's locker room. When the bubble is up at MLK, parents/guardians may sit on the bench to the left of the entrance through the revolving door. Should a parent/guardian be dissatisfied with the assigned seating area, he/she should request permission from swimmer's coach to sit elsewhere. The coaching staff reserves the right to ask parents/guardians to leave the pool deck if the coach feels the parent(s)' presence is detrimental to the swimmer(s)' progress.
8. Parents/guardians shall not be in the competition area of the deck during swim meets. Parents/guardians should not contact the clerk of course unless directed to do so by a coach. Parents/guardians should not talk to officials, nor dispute a call.
9. Parents/guardians shall schedule conference times with coaches before or after practice times. Do not contact coaches at home after 9:00 p.m.
10. SMRT members (parent and swimmer) shall not contact the media on behalf of an individual on the team regarding that individual's performance or activities related to SMRT. All media/public relations will be handled through the Communications Committee of ABC of SMRT.

Implementation:

Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in disciplinary action as determined by the coaching staff and City of Charleston Department of Recreation. Such discipline may include, but is not limited to, any or all of the following:

1. Immediate removal from a practice session, swim meet or other team activity.
2. Temporary removal of privileges such as practice, meet participation, socials, etc.
3. Swimmers subject to disciplinary action will be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of their actions.
4. Any member or prospective member of SMRT may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended, fined or expelled from SMRT if such member violates the provisions of the SMRT Code of Conduct, or aids, abets, or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the SMRT Code of Conduct.