PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

By signing the bottom of this form, I (we) _____ agree to follow this Parents' Code of Conduct while my (our) child(ren) is participating with the Germantown Swim Team.

• My child(ren) is involved in organized sports for his or her enjoyment. I will not force my child(ren) to participate in swimming but support his or her decision to swim and help to make it fun.

• I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child(ren) ahead of my personal desire to win.

• I will encourage my child(ren) to play by the rules. I will remember that child(ren) learn best by example; therefore, I will applaud all swimmers.

• I will not embarrass my child(ren) by yelling at swimmers, coaches, or officials. All children will benefit by my example of showing a positive attitude toward swimming and all of its participants.

• I will emphasize skill development and practice sessions and how they benefit my athlete.

• I will do my best to know and study the rules of swimming and support the officials in and out of the pool. Criticism only hurts the sport and well-being of all the swimmers.

• I will applaud a good effort both in victory and in defeat as well as enforce the positive points of their swim. I will never yell at any child(ren) at or after a meet or practice - it is destructive. I will work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.

• I recognize the importance of volunteers and volunteer officials. They are very important to the development of my child and the sport. I will communicate with them and support them.

• I will respect and support the decisions of the coaches and officials.

• I will be courteous to coaches, officials, swimmers and spectators, and will not use profanity at any time.
• I will not make negative remarks or gestures to any swimmers, coaches, officials or spectators.

• I will always conduct myself in a manner that is a credit to the Germantown Swim Team, the Germantown community and the GAC.

• I will use electronic media only for forms of positive communication and shall follow the GST Electronic Communication Policy.

• I will bring my issues or concerns to the Head Coach’s attention quickly and not gossip or let problems fester.

• I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all swimmers, coaches and officials at every meet.

• I will create a safe and healthy environment for my child(ren) that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.

• I will not use, sell, distribute or have any other involvement of any kind with tobacco products, alcohol, any other illegal substances or drugs, in view of any of the swimmers during a swim meet or practice.

• I will remember that swimming is for the child(ren) and not the parents. • I will ensure that my child(ren) treats other swimmers, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, creed or ability.
• I will bring my child(ren) to the meets and practices regularly and on time. And most important, I will encourage my child(ren) to swim for fun!