

PARENT CODE of CONDUCT

As a member of The San Antonio Wave you are part of a swimming organization that believes in teamwork, integrity, respect, and good sportsmanship. By signing this Parent Code of Conduct, you agree to the following expectations for behavior and sportsmanship while a member.

We are fortunate to have experienced, professional coaches working to develop better swimmers and more importantly teaching and instilling valuable life skills. Your children will reap the benefits of swimming long after his/her participation with Wave ends.

- Know and uphold WAVE and USA Swimming Safe Sport rules, regulations, management and coach directives, and by-laws that are designed to maximize the experience for all swimmers and parents. This includes participation in the Safe Sport Training for Parents.
- Set the right example for our children by showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and for all facilities and other property used during practice or competition.
- Respect the integrity of swim officials by assuming decisions are based on honest, objective evaluations of performance. Only coaches may approach and meet officials for clarification of rulings.
- Understand that opposing teams, including their swimmers, coaches, and fans, want the same positive experiences for their swimmers as we do. Help WAVE achieve our goals by avoiding criticism either verbally or by gesture. Look for opportunities to build rapport with teams that we compete and work with.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, competitions and team activities. WAVE wins gracefully, loses graciously and congratulates their opponents either way. Represent WAVE with excellence, respect, team spirit, good sportsmanship, and politeness.
- Support the WAVE's professional coaches as they strive to do what is best for each WAVE swimmer. Our expectations and methods are based on USA Swimming, the American Swim Coaches Association and other recognized swimming authorities. Realize that swimmers become easily confused when coached by parents and benefit most from positive reinforcement of the professional coaching staff's instructions and advice. Your unconditional love and support before and after races will help them best.
- Maintain open and honest communication within the WAVE family. We reach our common goals by working together; therefore, address any coaching concerns privately with the appropriate coach.
- Families are expected to volunteer at meets in accordance with Wave policy. Every meet requires a number of volunteers from each team to operate smoothly.
- Insist that your child refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, drugs, other prohibited substances, violence, abusive or foul language, inappropriate sexual conduct or any other behavior deemed dishonest, discourteous, offensive or disrespectful of others.

I understand the above expectations and agree to abide by the Parent Code of Conduct:

Signature: _____

Date : _____