

## **The Role of the Guardian**

As the Parent/Guardian of a competitive swimmer, your main responsibility is to provide a caring, supportive environment. This support will encourage your child to feel good about his or her interest, participation and growth in competitive swimming. Show your support by ensuring your swimmer's attendance at practices and swim meets and striving to maintain a positive attitude and outlook.

Parents/guardians are not participants on their child's team but contribute to the success experienced by the swimmer and his or her team. Parents/guardians serve as role models and can have a significant impact on the team by demonstrating respect, encouragement, enthusiasm and, most importantly, good sportsmanship at all times toward coaches, officials, team members, other parents and other teams.

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

As a Parent of an Ozaukee Aquatics swim team member, I will abide by the following code of conduct:

1. I will participate with the Oz swim team by supporting my child, other swimmers, coaches and other parents with positive communications and actions and by supporting the team's mission to promote balanced personal growth, and athletic achievement, through team commitment to strong values, excellence and enduring relationships;
2. I will not coach or instruct my child, 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. In order to allow coaches to give all of their attention to swimmers, any communication with the coaching staff should occur either prior to the start of a practice or after the conclusion of the coaching day. Coaches are also available by e-mail.
3. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by knowing my role and conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials and coaches at meets and practices;
4. I will direct any concerns that I may have to a member of the Oz coaching staff;
5. As a parent, I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward the coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be permitted or tolerated.

I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions of Ozaukee Aquatics in exchange for the privilege of my child(ren) to participate in the activities and swimming program of Ozaukee Aquatics. I understand that Oz maintains the right to terminate any membership with/without cause in the interest of our vision, mission and objectives.

## OZAUKEE AQUATICS TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents. As a parent/guardian, I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child's participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach the team. I agree with the following statements:

- I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities.
- I will get involved by volunteering, observing practices, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
- I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials.
- I will direct my concerns to first to \_\_\_\_\_; then, if not satisfied, to the appropriate supervisor.

I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action.

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Signature(s)

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Date