

## GEHRINGER GATOR SWIM TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

### **Purpose**

To promote the best possible conduct of all Gehringer Team members and families at home and away meets and at all team functions. To create the best possible individual and team impression at all times.

### **General Conduct:**

- 1) Team members, parents and guests will abide by this Code of Conduct at all times.
- 2) Team members, parents and guests will abide by all facility rules and regulations.
- 3) Team members, parents and guests will show respect to all those with whom they interact including but not limited to Gehringer and opposing team: swimmers, parents, coaches, meet organizers.
- 4) Team members, parents and guests are to refrain from the following behaviors, they will not be tolerated:
  - a) Unsportsmanlike conduct
  - b) Gossiping
  - c) Destructive criticism
  - d) Berating a swimmer or coach
  - e) Obscene language or behavior
  - f) Indiscreet behavior
  - g) Disorderly behavior
- 5) During practice all swimmers are expected to work to their fullest capacity at every session. They are expected to pay full attention to all instructions.
- 6) At a meet, each member, parent and guest is to conduct himself in an orderly manner so as to not cause embarrassment to his/her team, him/herself or his/her teammates.
- 7) **Tobacco/Alcohol/Drug Policy**
  - a) **For swimmers** - It is our belief that abstinence from the use of tobacco products, alcohol and/or illegal drugs are beneficial to the health and athletic performance of our swimmers. We encourage our swimmers to pledge abstinence from these substances at all times. Any swimmer who is determined to have used tobacco, alcohol and/or illegal drugs while at practice, at a meet, or any other Gator Team function (or who is found to be in possession of such substances at any Gator Team function) shall be subject to suspension or dismissal from the team.
  - b) **For parents** - Smoking is prohibited on the Gehringer Facility. No alcoholic beverages are allowed during swim meets.
- 8) **Be On Time:** Whether arriving in a car pool or individually, be sure to arrive on time. Remember to allow time to do any flexibility work and/or fix your cap and goggles before practice begins.
- 9) **Use of Facilities:** We are guests at the facilities we use and visit. Please respect the facilities, equipment, rules and people at those host facilities.
- 10) Parents please double-check that practice is occurring prior to leaving your child at the pool.
- 11) **Problems:** If you have any questions or problems, talk to the head coach or a swim team committee member. They are the best source for an answer or solution.

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**Violation of the Code:** At the discretion of the swim team committee, one or all of the following penalties may be applied:

1. Removal of a swimmer from practice and a parent/guardian notified. Action taken will be at the sole discretion of the Coaching Staff and/or Swim Committee.
2. Scratching of a swimmer from a meet and a parent/guardian notified. Action taken will be at the sole discretion of the Coaching Staff and/or Swim Committee.
3. Termination of Swim Team membership. Recommendations will be made by the Swim Committee with the final decision made by the Pool Board.

### **Refund Policy:**

**Fees for swimmers dropping from the team will be refunded as follows:**

- a. New Swimmers Only – Full refund within the first two weeks as a trial period
- b. No refunds after the first day of practice for returning swimmers.
- c. There will be no refund if a swimmer is expelled from the Team.