

DCAC Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Goal

The purpose of a parent/guardian code of conduct is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents and guardians. It is important that parents model good behavior for our athletes, and engage the coaching staff, officials, other parents, and swimmers in a supportive and respectful manner. This is an integral part of Club's objectives laid out in Section 3 of the Bylaws. Specifically, DCAC strives to:

- teach sportsmanship and stress team goals
- build physically and emotionally sound athletes
- encourage self-achievement based on personal best effort
- develop self-confidence through a supportive and nurturing program

Acknowledgement

As a parent/guardian, I understand and support the objectives spelled out above. I also understand the need to abide by policies developed to achieve these goals. In particular, I agree with the following statements:

- I understand that teaching sportsmanship is a primary goal. Therefore, I will set a good example for our athletes by demonstrating good sportsmanship at all times.
- I understand that it takes many people working together smoothly to run a successful swim club. Therefore, I will exhibit common courtesy and interact respectfully at all times with coaches, athletes, officials, parents, and all facility representatives.
- I understand that the coaches have the responsibility and authority to coach the team. That authority includes, but is not limited to, assigning athletes to practice groups, determining workouts and practice schedules, determining the meet schedules, and setting relays. Therefore, I will defer to the coaches' decisions in these areas and support their decisions.
- I understand that it is the coaches' job to coach. Therefore, I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
- I understand that meet officials work very hard to run meets in a fair, objective, supportive, and efficient manner. Therefore, I will respect the integrity of the meet officials' decisions, and interact with the officials only through the coaches.
- I understand the need for established policies and procedures to ensure the smooth operation of the Club. Therefore, I will abide by all USA Swimming, Michigan Swimming, and DCAC policies.
- I understand that it is important to deal with issues in a constructive manner. Therefore, if I have concerns, I will direct those concerns privately to the Head Coach; then, if not satisfied, to the Parent Board.

I understand the above expectations, and I understand that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion of the parent/guardian and swimmer from DCAC. DCAC reserves the right to terminate any membership without refund, with or without cause.

Signature(s)

Date