

Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club Inc. Swimmer Code of Conduct *(Updated August 20, 2019)*

Grosse Pointe Gators Swim Club Inc. ("GPG") encourages participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of swimming by swimmers and their parents/guardians who are committed to embracing the values of good sportsmanship, discipline and character development. To further this standard, the following Code of Conduct applies to all swimmers registered with GPG and applies to swimmer conduct at practices, meets, camps, meetings, clinics, and other events and activities, in or outside the State of Michigan, that swimmers attend and/or participate in as a result of their affiliation with GPG. Any violation of this Code of Conduct could result in disciplinary action by GPG that may result in warnings or suspension.

Code of Conduct - Pledge for Swimmers

I will comply with the following guidelines:

1. I will always be respectful of all coaches, fellow athletes, officials, and any other person involved in the event or activity in which I am participating as part of GPG. This includes both my language and my actions.
 - a. I will exhibit good sportsmanship and treat the coaches, my fellow athletes, parents/guardians, volunteers, officials, and others with respect, in and out of the pool.
 - b. I will listen to and look at coaches when they are talking.
 - c. I will encourage my fellow swimmers and be a good sport (win or lose) so that my behavior in or outside of the pool never interferes with the progress of another swimmer.
 - d. I know that inappropriate language directed at other swimmers, coaches, or myself, is not allowed.
2. I will refrain from discussing, writing, emailing, posting any negative information about GPG, GPG coaches, my fellow athletes, athletes from other clubs/schools or parents/guardians.
 - a. I understand this includes examples like Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, and the like.
 - b. I realize that these actions can be potentially detrimental to GPG, my fellow swimmers, and my coaches, and may also reflect

negatively on me (e.g., many colleges and employers now assess public posting).

3. I understand the value of commitment to the team and will attend practices on time, and I understand the expected level of practice and weekly participation for my group. I will come prepared to practice with the required equipment for my group and understand that I may not be able to practice without my own swim fins.
4. I will show respect for all property and understand that I am a guest in school and pool facilities.
 - a. On deck all posted safety rules are to be observed.
 - b. I will not play or loiter in hallways or locker rooms before, during or after practice.
 - c. I will not bring food on deck and understand that horseplay involving food is never appropriate in or around the pool.
 - d. After practice and meets, I will make sure not to leave trash/garbage that someone else would otherwise have to pick up.
 - i. I will clean up after myself, during practices and meets.
 - ii. I will return any and all equipment that I have used, or that I see is out of place.
 - e. I will conduct myself responsibly and dress quickly in the locker room.
 - f. I will not deface or damage the school, pool, or any equipment.
5. I know that the possession or use of fireworks, alcohol, controlled substances, tobacco or e-cigarette/vaping products are not allowed.
6. I know that curfews established by coaches must be adhered to each day while out of town participating in a GPG activity.
7. To ensure the decency of GPG athletes and to protect GPG staff, I know that during travel there will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms, and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms, without a parent chaperone present.

8. I will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of my fellow swimmers, other club swimmers, GPG, Michigan Swimming, or USA Swimming or otherwise be detrimental to its/their performance objectives.
9. I understand that failure to comply with this code will result in any or all these disciplinary actions:
 - a. Written warning issued by head coach and GPG Executive Board.
 - b. I may be sent home from the meet or practice.
 - c. I may not be allowed to participate in any or all practices, meets, team activities, team events, and/or meetings.
 - d. I will be responsible for any damage I cause.
 - e. I may be suspended or removed from affiliation with GPG.
 - f. I understand that any fees that have been paid will be non-refundable, and meet entry fees that have been incurred, but not yet paid, must be paid.

I know that additional guidelines for the team may be established from time-to-time as necessary by the coaches or Board of Directors. It is my responsibility to know these and abide by them.

My signature on this document constitutes my unconditional agreement to comply with the GPG Swimmer Code of Conduct.

Swimmer's Signature	Date
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By registering here, I, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s), hereby give my pledge that I will ensure that my swimmer follow the Code of Conduct.

Parent's Signature	Date
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