

## New Hope Crystal Plymouth Swim Club (NHCP) Parent Code of Conduct

**Purpose:** The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to create 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 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 the coaches on deck reserve the right to request observers leave the pool area if their presence is disruptive to practice or a meet.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, other parents, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated. This includes practices and swim meets.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials.
- I understand that I am a representative of the club at practices and swim meets and will conduct myself in ways that do not damage the reputation of our club.
- I will not go on the pool deck or into locker rooms (at both practices and meets). This is for Safe Sport and insurance purposes.
- I will speak to my swimmer's coach before or after practices. When possible, I will email the coach with any questions to set a time before or after practice to meet.
- I will check my swimmer's practice and meet schedules regularly on the team website to ensure that they arrive on time and to the correct location.
- I will abide by all NHCP and USA Swimming policies and codes of conduct.

If I have any concerns, I will reach out to my swimmer's coach first and then Head Coach Sharon or the Board of Directors as needed.

I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the swim club's Board of Directors. Upon notification of any potential violation of the Code of Conduct, the Board of Directors shall investigate the circumstances of the potential violation (as necessary) and notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) involved. The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall promptly be advised of any disciplinary action imposed as a result of the violation. Disciplinary actions can range from a verbal or written warning to dismissal of their swimmer from the swim club.

Signature(s)