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The following code of conduct will be a rule for all parents/guardian(s) of swimmers, associated with the JCAY Barracuda Swim Team.

YMCA Youth Sports Philosophy:

YMCA Youth Sports are based on certain beliefs and philosophies: participation and everyone plays. The YMCA encourages having a healthy spirit, mind, and body, meaning the development of the whole person. The YMCA also emphasizes fundamentals, teamwork, fair play, cooperation, and respect for the officials one's self, one's teammates, and the other team. Our philosophy is simple: EVERYONE PLAYS – EVERYONE WINS.

In order to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Youth Sports Program I (and my guests) will: (each statement in the following list is preceded with the words "I will" referring to the parent and any guests, and the word everyone or phrase "anyone involved" will refer to swimmers, coaches, officials, other parents, pool personnel, YMCA staff, and anyone affiliated with the Jefferson City Area YMCA or its programs)

- Treat all facilities with respect
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for everyone.
- Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child or anyone involved for any reason related to swimming
- Refrain from coaching my child or other swimmers during meets and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- Not approach an official. If there is a question, ask the coach.
- I will pick up my swimmer promptly after practice.
- Not interrupt a coach during practice
- Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or anyone involved.
- Do my best to make this program fun for my child.
- Keep winning in perspective. A child usually forgets the outcome of a race: it is the adults that have a tendency to stress the outcome of a race or meet.
- Ask my child to treat anyone involved with respect regardless of race, age, sex, creed, or ability.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with anyone involved such as booing and taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
- Not engage in any kind of behavior that is disruptive to the team including, but not limited to, intentional attempt to harm the team's reputation through verbal or written statements.
- Treat officials and coaches with respect. They are there to provide your child with a safe and healthy learning environment. Officials and coaches deserve the same type of environment from the parents and spectators.
- Not make physical contact with any swimmer, coach, official, league representative, pool personnel or spectator.
- Not deface or damage property belonging to any individual, team, association, or other parent
- Strive to be a good role model for my child and the other children in the program.

- Respect my child's coach and do my best to have my child at all practices and meets on time. I realize they are important to the development of my child and the program. I will communicate with them and support their decisions.
- Support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.
- Demand a safe sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all YMCA sports events.
- Remember that competitive swimming is for the development of the youth participating, not adults. Consequently, I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Adhere to all deadlines set by the coach and JCYMCA.
- To remain in good standing, parents of team members are also expected to volunteer for all home YMCA meets and for all away meets they are attending (please see the JCAY Barracuda Swim Team Volunteer Policy for more information).