



## MANDAN MARLINS TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to establish clear and consistent expectations for parents. The Mandan Marlins Swim Club Coaching Staff and Board of Directors ask parents and guardians of Marlins swimmers to:

- Set the right example for our swimmers by demonstrating sportsmanship through respect and common courtesy for team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents and facilities.
- Get involved by attending parent meetings, volunteering at meets, helping with fundraising, talking with your swimmers about their experiences and progress.
- Provide the coaching staff with respect and authority to coach the team by refraining from coaching swimmers from the stands during practices or meets.
- Stay on the bleachers on the west side of the pool during practices.
- Respect the integrity and decisions of the coaches and officials at meets, including disqualifications and relay positions.
- Encourage appropriate development in swimmer-coach communication, progressing to intermediate 2 and senior swimmers acting as primary communicators with their coaches.
- Only use coach cell phones during swim meets. For regular communications, please use email or speak to the coach in person.
- Pause for 24 hours before bringing any non-emergent concern to the coaching staff. This allows emotions to settle and sometimes more information comes to light to clarify the issue during this time.
- After the pause, direct any concerns first to the child's coach, the head coach if needed, and finally to a board member if the issue is not resolved.
- Understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed towards coaches, officials, volunteers and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
- Encourage swimmers to obey all USA Swimming rules and codes of conduct.

I agree to follow the Mandan Marlins Swim Club Parent Code of Conduct.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date