

BERKELEY AQUATIC CLUB PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Blue Streak Aquatic, Inc. (BSA), the parent organization of Berkeley Aquatic Club (BAC) has implemented this Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their child or children swimming for BAC.

PREAMBLE

BAC has experienced, professional coaches working to develop our children into better swimmers, and more importantly, teaching and instilling important life skills. These skills include, but are not limited to, time-management, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Your child will reap the benefits of swimming long after his or her participation with BAC ends. ***I therefore agree:***

- I will not force my child to swim.
- I understand that children swim to have fun and that swimming for BAC is for youth, not adults.
- I (and my guests) will set the right example for my child or children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrative positive support for all swimmers, coaches, officials, spectators, parents, and volunteers at all times.
- I (and my guests) will respect the facilities at BAC and the facilities at other pools and/or aquatic centers where I may attend a meet.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront an official.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, parent, spectator, volunteer, or swimmer such as criticizing, name-calling, or using profane or abusive language or gestures.
- I will refrain from coaching my child.
- I will support my child's coach, and the coach's decisions. I may disagree but I will not become disagreeable.
- I will encourage my child to discuss concerns about performance, goals, and technique with their coach.
- I will wait 24 hours to approach a coach about a concern, and then, when ready to discuss the concern, do so in person, at a mutually agreed upon time – not after practice, in the parking lot, or in an email.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all BAC events.
- I will be an active participant in fundraising events and other team activities.
- I will volunteer at meets because doing so enables BAC swimmers to compete and improve. Failure to work the allotted amount of hours based on my child's swim group will result in a fine of \$35 per hour that is unfulfilled
- I will encourage and support my child by ensuring they arrive to practice and meets on time.
- I will display a positive attitude, hold myself to a high standard of personal conduct, and represent BAC with dignity.
- I will abide by all USA swimming rules. USASwimming.org

VIOLATION OF THE PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

By checking the box below, I agree if I violate this Parent Code of Conduct or behave in a way that discredits BAC, BSA or USA Swimming, the BSA Board of Trustees may take any action it deems appropriate, including but not limited to asking me to leave the facility, prohibiting me from attending future swim meets, or terminating my child from BAC.