

Parent Code of Conduct

As the Parent/Guardian of a competitive swimmer, your main responsibility is to provide a caring, supporting environment. This support will encourage your child to feel good about his or her interest in competitive swimming. Show your support by ensuring your swimmer's attendance at practices and swim meets.

Parents/Guardians are not participants on their child's team but contribute to the success experienced by the swimmer and his or her team. Parents/Guardians serve as role models, and children frequently emulate their attitudes. Strive to be a positive role model. Most important, show good sportsmanship at all times toward coaches, officials and other teams.

As a Parent/Guardian of the Piedmont Swim Team (PST), I will abide by the following code of conduct:

- 1.** Practice teamwork with all parents, swimmers & coaches by supporting the values of Discipline, Loyalty, Commitment & Hard Work.
- 2.** As a parent, I will not coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at a practice or meets (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with coaches on the pool deck. Any communication with the coaching staff will occur either prior to the start of a coaches' shift or after the conclusion of his/her coaching day.
- 3.** Demonstrate good sportsmanship by conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other swimmers, parents, officials, and coaches at meets & practices.
- 4.** Maintain self-control at all times & know my role:
 - Swimmers - swim
 - Coaches - coach
 - Officials - officiate
 - Parents - parent
- 5.** Enjoy involvement with PST by supporting the swimmers, coaches, parents and the Board of Directors with positive communications & actions.
- 6.** During competitions, questions or concerns regarding decisions made by meet officials are directed to a member of our coaching staff only.
- 7.** As a parent, I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward the Board of Directors, coaches, officials, and/or any participating swimmer or parent of a swimmer(s) will not be permitted or tolerated.

8. USE OF AUDIO AND VISUAL AT MEETS: Photography and video recording from behind the blocks or starting areas is prohibited unless prior permission is granted by the Meet Referee. Use of any audio or visual recording devices, including but not limited to film and digital cameras, cell phones and tablets, and Google Glass is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Violation of this recording prohibition may result in ejection from the swimming pool facility by the Meet Referee or his/her designee.

I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions of PST for the privilege of my child(ren), registered with this agreement, to participate in the activities and swimming program of Piedmont Swim Team.

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to PST, or USA Swimming, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action. PST maintains the right to terminate any membership with/without cause in the interest of our vision, mission and objectives.

Please note that all USA Swimming members, including, but not limited to, swimmers, coaches and officials, are bound to a Code of Conduct as detailed by USA Swimming. The complete 2014 USA Swimming Code of Conduct can be found here:

<http://www.usaswimming.org/ViewMiscArticle.aspx?TabId=1599&Alias=Rainbow&Lang=en&mid=6074&ItemId=5773>

Parent #1 Signature

Date

Parent Print Name

Parent #2 Signature

Date

Parent Print Name