

Clemson Aquatic Team Parent Code of Conduct

Clemson Aquatic Team (CAT) has experienced, professional coaches working to develop our children into better swimmers and at the same time teaching and instilling important life skills. These skills include time management, self-discipline, goal setting, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Your swimmer will reap the benefits of swimming long after their participation with CAT ends.

As the parent of a CAT swimmer, you agree to follow the rules with regard to behavior and sportsmanship.

Set a good example. Show respect and be polite to everyone.

- Have your swimmer arrive on time for practices (ready to enter the pool, 15 minutes before practice starts).
- Help your swimmer to organize their time so that they will be successful in school and in the pool. Attendance at practice is essential to experiencing success in the pool.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Win gracefully. Lose graciously. Congratulate our opponent(s). Support our team members and coaches.
- Assume the best from coaches and officials. We all want to see your swimmers succeed and meet their individual goals.
- While at CAT functions, facilities and meets always represent the team in a positive and respectful manner.

Know your role

- Swimmers swim. Coaches coach. Officials officiate. Parents parent.
- The most important parental responsibility is to love your kids, providing positive reinforcement and encouragement.
- Do not coach your child at practice or during meets.
- Do not distract the swimmers or coaches by interfering in practices or meets.
- Coaches determine training group placement.
- If you have a concern about your swimmer, please make arrangements to meet with the coach privately during normal business hours.

Meet Etiquette

- Respond in a timely manner for meet entries using the online meet entry system. The coaching staff has final approval on each swimmer's meet entries.
- If it should happen that you cannot attend a meet to which you have committed, please let the Head Coach know. The coaches will worry about your missing swimmer, and may need to rearrange relays – relays which may not happen if your swimmer is absent.
- Arrive at the meet early to ensure your swimmer has time to check in, set up, and relax before their swims (ready to enter the pool, 15 minutes before assigned warm-up sessions)
- Direct your questions about disqualifications to the coach – patiently. Your coach may not yet have the information you seek.
- Do not approach officials at a meet.
- Do not step onto the pool deck, unless registered with USA swimming and you are officiating or timing.
- Hold a positive image for our team. Wear our Logo! Keep setting that good example.
- Have fun.

Get Involved!

- Volunteer to support CAT. Each volunteer is valued and we cannot have a great team without a great team behind it.

CAT maintains the right to suspend or terminate any membership by a vote from the Board of Directors. Prior to such an unusual action, the CAT Board Chair and Head Coach will discuss the situation with you in an attempt to reach a mutually agreeable resolution.