

Madison Aquatic Club Athlete/Parent Code of Conduct

A. MAC is committed to the philosophy of being able to provide something for everyone, regardless of level of ability or level of commitment. The program strives to promote:

- Maximal safety for all swimmers at all times
- Opportunities for all team members to learn and participate
- Opportunities for fair and open competition
- An environment in which the swimmer can feel success but also not be afraid to fail
- Individual responsibility on the part of each team member
- Support for all swimmers, including support of the members of the team for one another throughout all activities, age groups and levels of ability
- An atmosphere which encourages friendships and social activities among the participants
- Enhancement of physical and mental conditioning

B. In keeping with the philosophy described above, the conduct expected of each athlete is described below. The following provisions pertain to practices, meet sessions, meetings and social activities where athletes/parents represent MAC.

Athlete Code of Conduct:

- Athletes shall exhibit good sportsmanship in and out of the pool.
- Athletes shall follow rules and instructions, and shall abide by the curfews as deemed appropriate by coaches, officials and administrators.
- Physical and verbal abuse, including the use of profane language, will not be tolerated on the part of athletes.
- Athletes shall show respect for all property.
- Athletes shall behave in a responsible manner, and are prohibited from possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or banned substances. Fireworks are forbidden as well.
- Athletes shall demonstrate safe behavior at all times.

Parent Code of Conduct:

- Parents shall display good sportsmanship and respect towards coaches, officials, swimmers, swimmers family members, and opposing team members at all times.
- Physical and verbal abuse, including the use of profane language, will not be tolerated on the part of parents or siblings attending any MAC function.
- Parents shall show respect for all property. This includes monitoring siblings in and around the pools, locker rooms, parking lots, etc. at all times.
- Parents shall behave in a responsible manner. Parking in school handicap, no parking zones or authorized spots is strictly prohibited. (This includes you sitting in your car in those spots.)
- Do not leave swimmers unsupervised by dropping off/picking up more than 15 minutes prior to or after practice time. Theft, lost items, misconduct or any other problems that occur during a MAC function should not be concerns of school administrators. Please do not call the school district. The MAC office should be called first.
- Parents shall demonstrate safe behavior at all times. (USA swimming insurance prohibits anyone on pool decks other than registered swimmers/coaches. Non coaches/athletes need to remain in bleachers or assigned viewing area. This pertains to meets and practice pools).
- Parents, parent and coaches, coach. Support your coaches as authority figures. If you have any questions, please ask and email the coach or Program Director so issues can be discussed.

C. The Madison Aquatic Club supports and follows the Safe Sport Initiative set out by USA Swimming referred to as MAAPP 2.0 for the protection of athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. Please refer to the Safe Sport section of our website or [click here for the MAAPP 2.0](#) for the full policy.

D. Failure to comply with the athlete portion of this code will result in any or all of these disciplinary actions. The MAC management reserves the right to permanently remove a swimmer/family from the organization upon its discretion, at any time, without refund.

E. MAC coaches are responsible for its implementation. Any questions about the policy or actions that result from it should be referred to the Program Director