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MANTA RAYS SWIM TEAM PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose:

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents/guardians is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents.

Athletes will not be allowed to participate until there is a signed form on file for each family.

As a parent/guardian of a Manta Rays Swim Team Member, I UNDERSTAND AND/OR AGREE TO:

- Set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities.
- Get involved by volunteering beyond swim meets whenever possible, observing practices, cheering at meets, talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
- Participate in all required team fundraising events/efforts (see **Parent Involvement Agreement**)
- Refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
- Support the decisions of my swimmer's coaches, even if I have a different agenda.
- That criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed towards coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
- Respect the integrity of the officials.
- Direct my concerns first to my swimmer's coach; then if not satisfied to the Aquatics Director.
- Keep myself and my swimmer informed of swim team activities and events.
- Help my swimmer plan, set, strive and achieve reasonable goals for their age and ability.
- Communicate with my swimmer's coaches frequently if my swimmer has conflicts with practices, meets, etc... A lack of attendance and communication will be viewed as a lack of commitment.
- Get my swimmer(s) to practice on time (that means ready to swim, equipment and self).
- Check in properly at the YMCA Welcome Center if practicing at the YMCA.
- Listen to and respect all YMCA staff (i.e. coaches, lifeguards, building supervisors, and other staff).
- Provide positive support and encouragement for my swimmer.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my desire to see my child succeed.
- Observe all YMCA and Carver Swim Center/Muscatine High School facility and pool rules.
- Observe all YMCA/Facility rules and Manta Rays Swim Team Policies both home and away.
- Use locker rooms only for their intended purposes. Respect others who may be using the locker rooms at the same time. Damage to locker rooms or other facilities at any swimming site will be assessed to the responsible swimmer's family. Offending swimmers will be will be ejected, and may be dismissed from the team and/or expelled from use of the YMCA.





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- Swim team coaches are not babysitters, nor are other YMCA personnel. Each swimmer at any practice or swimming meet, home or away, should be under the supervision of an adult. Parents or guardians unable to attend with their swimmer(s) need to make arrangements for the child's supervision. This includes siblings that are not participating in practices or meets.
- Complete meet entry information by established deadlines via the designated methods. There will be no blanket or "default" entries to any of our meets. **Late entries will NOT be accepted, no exceptions!**

On swim meet days:

- **AT HOME or AWAY:** Arrive, unless instructed otherwise, at least 15 minutes before our scheduled warm-up time. Athletes should check-in upon arrival.
- Communicate any restrictions, requests, limits, etc... for events or jobs to the designated person by the established deadlines (event requests/restrictions for swimmers should be communicated with the coaching team, job requests/limits should be communicated with the job coordinators.
- Communicate with the coaching team if you have to leave a meet before your swimmer has completed all of the events you have entered. This is especially important if you are entered in relays. Relay swimmers who "stand up" their teammates may be dropped from consideration for relay competition at the state or regional levels.
- Clean up the camp areas before leaving the swimming meet. Wipe up spills and throw away trash in proper waste containers. This means **EVERYONE**. At our home swimming meets, remember that any food and drink other than water is to stay in the cafeteria and commons. PLEASE do not bring food and drink, other than water, into any other area of the building. For away meets, please eat in designated areas. Please respect the rules of our host facilities at all times.
- Make sure to take all personal belongings with you when you leave any practice or swim meet. YMCAs usually maintain "Lost and Found" areas, but please do not depend on your missing items being there.

Any parent/guardian who disrupts a practice or a meet, damages the property of others, violates team/facility policies or threatens, intimidates, or injures others will be ejected.

A second incident, of any sort, will be cause for dismissal from the team.

Courtesy, citizenship, and sportsmanship are as fundamental to the YMCA competitive swimming program as stroke technique and speed. These qualities derive naturally from the YMCA core values: Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility.

Please follow these rules and remember, when we are at other YMCA's and facilities we will be representing ourselves, our families, and our own Swim Team. Let's have fun, but let's also respect others and others' property.



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