

## Swimmers Code of Conduct

Swimming is not just about winning but about having fun and being a good sport.

- Swim for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Swim within the spirit of the rules.
- Never argue with an Official's decision. Let your Manager or Coach ask any necessary questions. A reasonable question should get a reasonable response.
- Control your temper - don't 'mouth off', throw kickboards or other equipment.
- Practice equally hard for yourself and your team - your team's performance will benefit from your own.
- Be a good sport. Applaud good swims, whether it be your team's or your opponent's.
- Treat all swimmers as you yourself would like to be treated. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another swimmer.
- Remember that the goals of the sport are to have fun and improve your skills.
- Be kind and courteous to other swimmers.
- Co-operate with, and show respect to your coach, team-mates, officials and opponents, for without them you wouldn't have a sport.

## Parents Code of Behaviour

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment – **not yours.**
- Encourage children to participate – **do not force them.**
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance, rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



**GRACE SWIMMING CLUB  
CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT FORM**

THE \_\_\_\_\_ FAMILY

OF \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

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HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE GRACE SWIMMING CLUB CODE OF BEHAVIOUR. I/WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE GRACE SWIMMING CLUB MAY TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST MY SELF/ FAMILY IF I/WE ARE FOUND TO BE IN BREACH OF THIS CODE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST MY SELF/FAMILY MAY INCLUDE TERMINATION OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

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Signature

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