



## **Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians/Carers**

The club recognises the vital role that parents play and realises it cannot meet its aims and objectives without the help and support of its parents. An important aim of the club is to encourage appropriate ethical behaviour amongst its members. Parents, guardians and carers are important role models and in this respect, they can best support the membership by displaying the behaviours set out below:

- Remember children swim for their own enjoyment, not their parents
- Encourage your child to learn the rules and work within them
- Encourage your child to follow the coaches' advice
- Keep winning and losing in perspective. Help your child recognise good performances, not just results
- Never force your child to take part in sport
- Set a good example and applaud the good performances of competitors, teams, with respect in victory and defeat
- Never punish or belittle a child for a poor swim, making mistakes or losing
- Accept officials' judgements and comply with the codes, rules and laws within the guidelines set out by the ASA
- Encourage your child's involvement and help them enjoy the sport
- Use correct and proper language at all times

In addition, for the guidance of parents, and to prevent possible misunderstanding, we set out the club's basic expectations of parents below.

- Bring your child to training sessions regularly and on time and ensure they have the correct equipment.
- Arrive in time to collect their children at the end of training sessions
- Familiarise yourself with the organisation and rules of the club
- Support the Club in reinforcing its guidelines and policies, especially those relating to swimmers behaviour.

- Keep up to date with club information posted on the notice board and club web site
- Pay membership, training and registration fees regularly and on time.
- Inform the club promptly of any change in contact information and any other relevant information we need to know about to facilitate your child's participation, safety and welfare.
- Do not allow your child to swim if they are unwell, particularly if they have any open wound or have an upset stomach
- Inform the club of any health concerns your child may have, whether permanent or temporary
- Be involved with club activities either as a Committee Member or swimming official and share your expertise
- Support the club at club championships, galas and other functions
- Be aware of fixture dates and keep them available for selection as far as possible (we will publish fixture lists and give plenty of notice of selection for galas to enable parents to arrange lives around swimming and water polo commitments)