



## **CHELMSFORD CITY SWIMMING CLUB**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS**

Reasonable behaviour is expected at all times by parents/carers. Behaviour, including language that will cause offence or embarrassment to any member of the general public, other swimmers, site staff, parents and coaches of CCSC, officials or any visiting club is prohibitive. This includes language that is violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, offensive or causes fear or distress to others. If incidents occur parents are encouraged to report the details to the committee (contact details are on our website under committee members).

**Parents/carers should recognise the rights of their children.**

**Parents/carers should:**

- 1. Ensure that their children have fun when practicing, training and competing in swimming.**
- 2. Promote the health, safety and well-being of children first and foremost.**
- 3. Not over emphasise winning.**
- 4. Listen to, respect and take into account children's views about participation, and recognise their right to determine their participation.**
- 5. Encourage their children to participate for their own intrinsic enjoyment, not for the enjoyment or ambition of their parents.**
- 6. Encourage their children to take responsibility for their own actions, performance and behaviour.**
- 7. Not force children to participate in the sport.**
- 8. Not allow their children to compete or train when ill or injured.**

**Parents/carers should support their child's involvement in club via training, matches events and competitions.**

**Parents/carers should:**

- 9. Ensure that all fees, whether monthly, termly or one-off payments for galas, matches and competitions are not more than 14 days in arrears.**
- 10. Encourage their child's effort.**
- 11. Be aware of Club codes of conduct, policies and bye laws.**
- 12. Be aware of the Club's Child Welfare Officer(s).**
- 13. Provide consent for their child to participate in training, competition and events.**
- 14. Ask about the club's policy for recruiting coaches and officials working with children and vulnerable adults.**
- 15. Ensure any medical conditions or changes in medical conditions are declared on Club Organiser as this may affect their participation and allows the Club to maintain the correct information on registers.**
- 16. Assist coaches to care for your children and allow them to pursue their primary role of coaching and directing at competitions.**
- 17. Support decisions made by the coaches in relation to team selection.**
- 18. Make arrangements to collect their child promptly at the end of sessions at the agreed time.**



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**Parents/carers should be a good role model at club's competitions and events.**

**Parents/carers should:**

- 19. In the interests of safety, always collect children of primary school age from the lobby area of the venue and not from the car park.**
- 20. Consider collecting children of primary school age from poolside rather than allowing their child to enter the changing rooms alone at our Riverside venue, as we share the changing rooms with the general public.**
- 21. Encourage their child to accept all individuals and not to discriminate on the basis of their ability, gender, race, religion etc.**
- 22. Act in a sportsmanlike way when supporting and spectating.**
- 23. Use correct and proper language at all times; avoid swearing at, yelling at, or chastising children, officials, coaches, or others.**
- 24. Be encouraging towards their children and others.**
- 25. Accept that errors are an important part of learning and not condemn children for making them.**
- 26. Respect officials of the club, event or competition and other participants, supporters and parents.**
- 27. Act with respect for the decisions of officials and coaches, and without criticism.**
- 28. Raise any concerns you have about a child or coach, or their behaviour, as soon as possible with the appropriate designated person at the club or event.**
- 29. Encourage children to follow the rules of events and competitions and to adhere to Swim England Guidelines.**
- 30. Not coach their children at training and competition, unless engaged in recognised coaching responsibilities.**
- 31. Be respectful of the sites facilities and staff whether in training, competition or guests at another location.**
- 32. Behave responsibly and treat swimmers, coaches, officials, committee members and parents of your and other people's clubs with due respect meeting the Swim England commitment to equality, inclusion, and diversity.**
- 33. Behaviour, including language that will cause offence or embarrassment to any member of the general public, other swimmers, site staff, parents and coaches of CCSC, or any visiting club is prohibitive. This includes language that is violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, offensive or causes fear or distress to others.**
- 34. Parents should be aware that posting comments on any media or social networking site that breaches any of the above will breach Chelmsford's Code of Conduct for parents.**