

# Code of Conduct for parents/guardians

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## As a parent/guardian of a club member we understand you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
- Know how to access our club policies, rules and procedures.
- Know who the Welfare Officer is and how to contact them.
- Know that any concerns about your child's welfare will be listened to and responded to.
- Know what qualifications and training those with responsibility for your child have.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child, where appropriate.
- Know the procedure should your child be involved in an accident or become injured.
- Provide your consent or otherwise for photography and trips away.
- Make a complaint to the club committee or Welfare Officer (as appropriate).

## As a parent/guardian of a club member we expect you to:

### Essentials

- 1 Make sure your child has the right kit for training and competitions as well as enough food and drink. These include Alnwick Dolphins hat, a water bottle full of water, goggles etc.
- 2 Ensure your child arrives to sessions on time at least 5 minutes before their session is due to start and is picked up promptly.
- 3 Inform us if you're running late to collect your child or if your child is going home with someone else.
- 4 Complete all consent, contact, codes of conduct and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes.
- 5 Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach or teacher.
- 6 Tell us if you wish to talk to us about any concerns regarding your child. We will arrange a mutually convenient time so you can talk to us.
- 7 Not enter poolside or interrupt training or competitions unless in an emergency situation

- 8 All swimmers should have membership to Active Northumberland (Willowburn) when they reach the Barracudas, Great White Sharks, Sailfish, Tiger Sharks, Piranhas, Blue Fins, Competition or Performance Squad and all Flying Fish should pay the appropriate fee every time they swim with Alnwick Dolphins.
- 9 The club has an attendance expectation of 75% of the sessions available for the squad in which your child is swimming over a quarterly attendance period. Please inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem with meeting this expectation. If the club changes your child's squad and swimming times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should always be facilitated and encouraged.
- 10 Alnwick Dolphins is a competitive swimming club. Your child will be required to participate in competitions (galas) in accordance with guidance applicable to the squad in which they are swimming. You are expected to support them in this and contact the relevant club official and coach in advance if this is not possible
- 11 Your child may be required to represent the club by attending events and galas that the Club has entered. You are expected to support them in this and contact the relevant club official and coach in advance if this is not possible

## **Behaviour**

- 1 Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in one of our sports, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.
- 2 Behave positively as a spectator at training or competitions and treat others with respect.
- 3 Give encouragement to your child and tell them when they've done well and provide support when they are struggling.
- 4 Respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation, faith or ability.
- 5 Respect the children and adults competing for other teams at competitions.
- 6 Respect the committee members, coaching and teaching team and all volunteer helpers at the club.
- 7 Understand that the use of abusive or inappropriate language, bullying, physical violence or any other behaviour which hurts others will not be tolerated by the club.
- 8 Understand that poor behaviour may result in the club taking disciplinary action against you. Any behaviour which alleges a criminal offence will be reported to police by the club.
- 9 Talk to your child and ensure they understand the rules of the club and the sport.
- 10 Ensure your child understands their Code of Conduct.

**Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the club committee. Continued issues and repeated breaches may result in parents/ guardians being asked not to attend the club, something we never want to do.**

Signature of parent/guardian/carer.

Print name

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