



PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish a consistent expectation for DELTA parents' behavior. As a parent/guardian I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child's participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach the team.

By accepting this code of conduct, the DELTA parent/guardian agrees to the following statements:

- ✓ I will set the right example for my child by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and for all facilities and other property used during practice or competition.
- ✓ I will get involved by volunteering, by wearing the DELTA logo, by sitting together and cheering at meets, and by speaking with my child and his or her coach about my child's progress.
- ✓ I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices and meets.
- ✓ I will stay off the pool deck unless I am working at a meet (officiating or timing).
- ✓ I understand that opposing teams, including their swimmers, coaches, and fans, want the same positive experiences for their swimmers as we do. Help DELTA achieve our goals by avoiding criticism either verbally or by a gesture. Look for opportunities to build rapport with teams that we compete and work with.
- ✓ I will respect the integrity of officials and assume decisions are based on honest, objective evaluations of performance. Only coaches may approach meet officials for clarification of rulings.
- ✓ I will support our professional coaches as they strive to do what is best for each DELTA swimmer. I will assume the best from coaches and will direct any concerns first to my child's coach and then, if not satisfied, to the Head Coach.
- ✓ I will maintain open and honest communication among all members of the DELTA family. We reach our common goals by working together.
- ✓ I will not distract swimmers and coaches by interrupting nor by interfering in practices and meets.
- ✓ I will refrain from taking pictures or videotaping at practices. **Photos and Videos are prohibited by anyone other than a coach or hired professional for training purposes only.** All individuals are background checked for these purposes. At swim meets, there is nothing prohibiting you from video-taping or photographing your own child from the spectator section. However, some venues may have specific guidelines regarding this within the facility, so please check upon arrival.
- ✓ I will insist that my child refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, drugs, other prohibited substances, violence, abusive or foul language, inappropriate sexual conduct, or any other behavior deemed dishonest, discourteous, offensive or disrespectful of others. This is a violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and can lead to dismissal from Delta and USA Swimming.
- ✓ I have read and discussed with my athlete(s) the Delta Aquatics Swimmer Code of Conduct. I will abide by the Delta Aquatics Parent Code of Conduct as well as USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, including (but not limited to) Safe Sport policies, as will any family member or friend or guardian accompanying my child at practice, meets, or any team activity.

I understand that failure to abide by the guidelines outlined above may result in the termination of my swimmer's membership with Delta Aquatics.