

SOUNDWELL SC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

- Remember that your child is involved in swimming for their enjoyment, fitness and success and not yours.
- You should be realistic about your child's ability, do not over-expect. Harm can be done if your child falls short of your expectations and you do except their disappointment.
- Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory; a Personal Best (PB) can be as big as an achievement as a gold medal.
- Teach your child good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or shout at your child for making a mistake or losing a race. Be positive at all times and don't show your disappointment.
- Remember that your child will learn best from example, applaud good performance from your child, other swimmers in the club and from other clubs.
- Recognise the value and importance to your swimmer and the club of the volunteer coaches, do not undermine them; they give their time and effort to provide recreational activity for your child.
- Encourage your child but do not coach. A little knowledge is dangerous and the club's coaches have high levels of qualifications in order to provide a continually high standard of training in all squads within the Club. Please remember that the coaches are working to making your child the best swimmer they can, however if you are not happy please raise your concerns and worries to the coach in the first place at the end of a session. Please do not interrupt the coaches while they are poolside during a training session. Your child will benefit from the coaches full attention. Do not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency.
- Detail any health concerns relevant to your child on the consent form. Any changes to the state of your child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutritional needs and listen to advice given from the club coach.
- Be positive about the club and how it works, if you see a problem or have a concern about the way your child is being developed or how the club is run, please approach a committee member who will ensure that the matter receives urgent attention. This means that any major grievance or situation which brings the club or individuals within it into disrepute should be brought to the attention of the committee in writing. You should be prepared to discuss your grievance in person with the committee so that the situation can be resolved and brought to a conclusion.
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/swim meets. Please inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem.
- Rumours and gossip within the club can only hinder the club's progression and growth. Please do not get involved in this type of behaviour.
- Ensure that your child is properly and adequately attired for training sessions/events including all required equipment i.e. hats, goggles etc.
- Inform the coach before a session if the child is to be collected early from a coaching session/meet and so by whom.

(This is included in Soundwell SC's swimmers membership pack, parents sign and return an acknowledgement form to confirm they have read and accept the conditions)

Acknowledgement

Please Read Fully Before Signing

Soundwell Swimming Club Constitutions is available at the club desk and the ASA Photography policy in Wavepower available at www.swimming.org/asa/.../safeguarding-children and fully support all that is contained within the document. I confirm my understanding and acceptance of those rules and conditions (as amended from time to time) shall govern my membership of the Club. I further acknowledge and accept responsibilities of membership upon members as set out in these documents

I have read and agree to adhere to the club Code of Conduct for swimmers and parents and fully support all that is contained within all the documents including Social Networking.

I understand that an application to become a member of Soundwell Swimming Club can only be considered once all application forms contained within the Membership pack have been duly signed and completed fully. All applicants must sign below, including at least one parent/legal guardian if any applicants are under the age of 18 years.

I understand my financial obligation to Soundwell Swimming Club and agree to pay my monthly fees whilst a member of the Club. I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify the Treasurer or Membership Secretary in writing of our intentions to resign from the Club and to inform my own bank to cease any monthly payments. I am aware that membership fees are not refundable and that refunds of monthly payments will only be made for payments received after the date of receipt of a letter of resignation.

Data Protection Act (DPA) – Soundwell Swimming Club will process your data and hold it data securely in accordance with the DPA. Data will be used to administer you as a member. Your express written consent to hold this data is required under the DPA, which by signing this form you are providing. I understand that by signing this form I am confirming that I have read and understand the ASA / British Swimming Data Protection Notice in relation to collection and use of my information.

Club Swimmer:

(Print Name)

Signed by Parent/Gardian:

Date: