

## U18 ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

GASC is dedicated to creating an environment that nurtures the enjoyment and enthusiasm of every athlete within our club, through a safe, positive environment. We want to empower our athletes to base their conduct on a sense of personal integrity based on the acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, respect for others, moral conduct and a sense of what is right; where ethical behaviour, rule breaking, drug taking or violence is automatically rejected as being irrelevant to the true purpose of swimming.

### **I agree to:**

1. Be friendly and supportive, offer help if needed
2. Practice and participate fairly and be trustworthy
3. Behave with respect to others including coaches / teachers, venue staff, officials, other athletes, parents, team managers and spectators
4. Respect the rules of my club, those of the facilities and Scottish Swimming
5. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, disability, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
6. Always strive to do my best and refrain from inappropriate conduct towards others including physical, verbal, written or emotional, in person or through the use of social media
7. Be a positive role model and refrain from bullying and getting involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
8. Set a good example at all times in aspects of dress, punctuality, language, behaviour and respect of equipment and others
9. Wear suitable kit
10. Will not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind
11. Abide by Scottish Swimming Acceptable use of Mobile Phone Policy and Social Media Guidelines
12. Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations to a member of staff

Our Club recognises that to create a supportive atmosphere, which allows everyone to compete / participate to the best of their abilities, it is important for athletes to know that while we have high expectations of their behaviour, they can expect the same in return from us.

### **You have the right to:**

1. Be safe and happy while taking part in the sport in a protected environment
2. Be respected and treated fairly and participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability
3. Be protected from abuse by others from within or outwith the club

4. Ask for help
5. Be believed
6. Be listened to
7. Be referred to professional help if needed

Breaches of the Athlete Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the club's disciplinary procedures.

I understand that if I do not follow the Athletes Code of Conduct, any / all of the following actions (not an exhaustive list) may be taken by my club or Scottish Swimming:

1. Be required to apologise formally
2. Receive a warning; verbal or written
3. Be dropped or substituted
4. Be required to leave the club

**I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and I agree to be bound by it:**

**Athlete Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Athlete Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian (required for U18s)**

**Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_