



Wycombe District Swimming Club

Code of Conduct for Swimmers

As a member of our club WDSC, we understand you have the right to:

- Enjoy the time you spend with us and know that you are safe.
- Be told who you can talk to if something's not right.
- Be listened to.
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the Club or activity.
- Be respected by us and other team members and be treated fairly.
- Feel welcomed, valued and not judged based on your race, gender, sexuality, faith or ability.
- Be encouraged and develop your swimming, para-swimming, water polo and open water swimming skills with our help and support.
- Be looked after if there's an accident or injury and have your parents/guardians informed, where appropriate.

As a member of our club we expect you to:

Essentials

- Keep yourself safe by listening to your Coach, behave responsibly and speak out when something isn't right.
- Take care of our equipment and premises as if they were your own.
- Make it to training and competitions on time and if you're running late, let a member of the club know. If you arrive late, report to your Coach before entering the pool.
- Make your coach aware if you have any difficulties attending any training or relevant competitions.
- Not wander off or leave training or a competition without telling your coach or team manager. If you need to leave the pool for any reason during training, you must inform your Coach before doing so.
- Bring the right kit to training and competitions i.e. training tops, shorts, paddles; kick boards, hats, goggles etc.
- Follow the rules of the Club, squad or activity at all times.
- Respect the privacy of others especially in the changing rooms.



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Behaviour

- Make our club and activity a fun, happy, friendly and welcoming place to be by upholding the core values of the Club
- Display a high standard of behaviour at all times and remember that your behaviour reflects favourably or unfavourably on the Club. Always report any poor behaviour by others to an appropriate club officer.
- If you have any problems with the behaviour of fellow club members report them at the time to an appropriate adult.
- Respect and celebrate difference in our Club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, faith or ability.
- 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 and could result in action being taken through the club disciplinary or safeguarding policy.
- Not use any device to take photographs or footage of others in the changing rooms or cubicles. Phones should be stored securely in lockers.
- Report any concerns you have about others taking photographs or footage of others in the changing rooms or poolside.
- Display positive behaviour in the changing village, male and female swimmers using separate changing cubicles.
- Follow Wavepower guidance on social networking, use of electronic communication and photography. Inappropriate use of social media to intimidate, ridicule or bully others by word or image, could result in action being taken through the club disciplinary or child welfare policy.
- Understand that poor behaviour may result in the club taking disciplinary action against you. Any behaviour which may be a criminal offence will be reported to police by the club.
- Always inform the Coach / Team Manager of illness or medication so that appropriate plans can be made for training and galas.
- Report any incidents of bullying or unkind behaviour to the club, even if you're just a witness.
- Treat other children with respect and appreciate that everyone has a different level of skill or talent.
- Support and encourage your team mates, tell them when they've done well and be there for them when they are struggling.
- Respect the children and adults competing for other teams at competitions.



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- Respect the committee members, coaching team and all volunteer helpers at the club.
- Get involved in club decisions, it's your sport too.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the club committee.

Signature of the child/swimmer

Signature of parent/guardian if swimmer is under18

Date