



## **Code of Conduct – Parents / Guardians**

**As a parent/guardian of a St Ives Swimming Club member we understand you have the right to:**

1. Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
2. Know how to access our club policies, rules and procedures.
3. Know who the Welfare Officer is and how to contact them.
4. Know that any concerns about your child's welfare will be listened to and responded to.
5. Know what qualifications and training those with responsibility for your child have. Be assured all activities are properly supervised / taught / coached and that consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.
6. Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child, where appropriate.
7. Know the procedure should your child be involved in an accident or become injured.
8. Provide your consent or otherwise for photography.
9. Make a complaint to the club committee or Welfare Officer (as appropriate) if they feel the club or a member of the club is not acting appropriately or in accordance with Swim England / club rules and regulations. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the Welfare Officer.

**As a parent/guardian of a member of St Ives Swimming Club 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. Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session / events including all required equipment, i.e. hats, goggles (plus spares), full water bottle etc. Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutrition and listen to advice given from the Coach / nutritionist.
2. Ensure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly from coaching sessions / swim meets. Please inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. If the club changes your child's lane and changing times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should therefore be supported and encouraged at all times.
3. Inform us if you're running late to collect your child or if your child is going home with someone else. Inform the Coach before a session if your child is to be collected early from a training session / competition / event and if so, by whom.
4. Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes. Keep your swimmer's medical information up to date in Team Unify. Any changes in the state of your child's health should be reported to the coach



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prior to coaching sessions or competitions / events. Ensure the club has up to date contact details for you and any alternative person(s) as required.

5. Maintain a good relationship with your child's coaching staff. Support the coach and committee appropriately and raise any concerns you may have in an appropriate manner to the session Coach / Welfare Officer.
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. If you wish to have a discussion with the coach check with the Welfare Officer as to how this can be arranged.
7. Not enter poolside or interrupt training or competitions unless in an emergency situation.
8. Ensure that you abide by the current Corona Virus guidance:  
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

### Behaviour

1. Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in swimming, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses. Help your child to enjoy the sport and to achieve to the best of their ability.
2. Behave positively as a spectator at training or competitions and treat others with respect.
3. Show appreciation and support your child and all the team members. 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 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 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. Encourage your child to obey the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
10. Ensure your child understands their Code of Conduct.



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**Breaches of the 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 the parent / guardian: (digitally via Team Unify)**