

Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

This code is an expansion of the Wavepower Parent/Guardian's Code of Conduct.

Parents agree to:

1. Complete and return the Medical Information Form as requested by the club and detail any health conditions/concerns relevant to your child on the consent form. Any changes in the state of your child's health should be reported to the Coach prior to the coaching sessions. It is your responsibility to update the database via the website to reflect any changes in medical condition or contact details.
2. Ensure your child arrives punctually for all coaching sessions and swimming galas and that they are collected promptly after all sessions. Please inform a member of the Coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. Please remember that the Coach is only responsible for your child during the training sessions.
Parents of children aged 8 or under are reminded that they should remain available at the pool whilst their children are swimming.
3. Inform the Coach before a session if your child is to be collected early from a coaching session/gala and if so by whom.
4. If the club changes any aspects of your child's training programme, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should be facilitated and encouraged at all times.
5. Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment i.e. goggles, hats, towel, t-shirt etc.
6. Encourage your child to obey the Club rules and teach them that they can only ever do their best.
7. Behave responsibly as a spectator at training/galas and treat swimmers, divers, coaches, committee members and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect, meeting the Swim England commitment to equality.
8. NEVER use inappropriate language or inappropriate behaviour within the club environment.
9. Show appreciation and support both for your child and all the ASC team members.
10. Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutrition and listen to advice given from the Coach/ nutritionist.
11. ALWAYS advise and seek agreement from the Coach for any additional training you are considering for your child outside of regular club sessions, this is purely for the sake of your child's wellbeing and welfare.
12. Support the club Coach and committee appropriately and raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner. Details of the club Welfare Officer can be found on the ASC website or via welfare@amershamswimmingclub.co.uk
13. NEVER use your involvement with the club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of the club.
14. Recognise and value the importance of coaches and volunteers. Remember that volunteers are giving up their time to help and support your child.

15. Encourage your child at all times, but please do not be a Coach him or her. Any contradictory advice may confuse the swimmer and more than likely will have a negative outcome.
16. Coaches are responsible for the selection of ASC teams for galas and their decisions should be respected.
17. NEVER enter poolside without the Coaches' permission. Please discuss any problems with your Coach before or after the session/gala to avoid disrupting the training in progress. Contact details are available on the website.
18. Pay ALL fees promptly as requested and in compliance with the ASC fee policy.
19. Most of all help your child enjoy the sport and perform to the best of their ability.

General Advice

It is understandable that you want your child to succeed and maximise their potential. Our qualified swimming Coaches want the same for your children and have the training and tools to create this success.

Therefore, fully supporting the Coaching staff and reiterating the Coach's training/racing advice is vital for your child to be successful. Communication is essential to ensure a successful relationship with the Coaching team. The Coaches can achieve more if they have all the facts, it is very difficult to coach 'in the dark' therefore please be open and communicate any issues as soon as possible.

The Club will undertake to:

1. Inform you at once if your child is ill and ensure their wellbeing until you are able to collect him/her
2. Ensure Swim England child safeguarding guidelines are followed in addition to all relevant Swim England policies and procedures in force at any one time
3. Ensure all activities are properly supervised/taught/Coached and consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed

The Parent has the right to:

1. Make a complaint to the club if they feel the club or a member of the club is not acting appropriate to Swim England/club rules and regulations. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the club Welfare Officer or available on the web site.
2. Make a complaint on behalf of their child to the Swim England Office of Judicial Administration

The above Code of Conduct is designed to set out parent's commitment to Amersham Swimming Club and the corresponding commitment from the Club back to swimmers, divers and parents. Any breach of the Code of Conduct will therefore be taken most seriously by all parties.

Signed:

Date: