



WOLVERHAMPTON SWIMMING CLUB

Founded 1876

Affiliated to Staffordshire ASA &
Swim England West Midlands Region

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

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WSC Codes of Conduct

“The Rules”

The WSC Codes of Conduct form the rules that govern standards of behaviour, conduct and expectations for ALL members of our Club.

Together, they aim to make sure that the Club is a safe, enjoyable and productive environment for swimmers and volunteers alike.

Our members represent the Club in many arenas around the County, Region and Country at all levels of competition. It is hoped that acceptance, understanding and application of our Codes **at all times** will go a long way to presenting the Club in a positive, well run, and well-disciplined manner.

Acceptance

Acceptance of the Code(s) of Conduct appropriate to the role/position taken within the organisation **is a condition** of the membership agreement with Wolverhampton Swimming Club.

As part of the TeamUnify online registration process you will be asked to acknowledge receipt and confirm your understanding and acceptance of the appropriate Code(s) of Conduct and the responsibilities that accompany membership of Wolverhampton Swimming Club.

This indicates that you have read and understood the rules, and that you agree to follow them at all training sessions and galas. Some of our younger swimmers may need to have the rules carefully explained to them by a parent or carer where appropriate.

Code of Conduct for Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Complete the Medical Information section within TeamUnify and maintain the information during their child's membership of the Club. If there are any specific health needs for your child, please notify the Coaches and/or welfare officer (WO) where this will be treated in strict confidence. Any changes in the condition of your child's health should be reported to the Coach prior to training sessions and ensure the Club has up to date contact details for you and any alternative guardian.
 - Deliver and collect your child punctually to and from training sessions/swim meets. Please inform coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. If the Club changes your child's lane and training times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should always be facilitated and encouraged.
 - Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment, i.e. hats, goggles etc.
 - Inform the respective Lead Coach or Welfare Officer before a session if your child is to be collected early from a coaching session/meet and if so, by whom.
 - Encourage your child to obey the Club's rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
 - Ensure they do not use inappropriate language within the Club environment.
 - Show appreciation and support for your child and all the team members.
 - Support the Club Coaches and committee appropriately and raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner. Details of the Club contacts and Welfare Officer can be found on the Club website and noticeboard.
 - Behave responsibly as a spectator at training sessions/meets and treat swimmers, Coaches, committee members and parents of your and other Clubs with due respect meeting the Swim England commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion.
 - Do not enter poolside unless requested to do so, or in an emergency. If you wish to have a discussion with the Coach, please ensure that this is done before or after training.
 - If you have an urgent need to contact your child during any training session or competition, please alert the Head Coach/Coach/Team Manager and inform them of your requirement so that they can make contact in an appropriate way.
 - If during any gala or other competitive event you have any concerns or disagreements with decisions that have been made, then please channel your views/concerns through the Head Coach/Coach/Team Manager. At no point should any parent approach any meet official with their concerns.
 - Help your child enjoy the sport and achieve to the best of their ability.
- **Act in accordance with the WSC Mobile Device Policy at all times. A failure to observe this policy may result in disciplinary action as sanctioned by the Club. This policy is available on request and forms part of the Swimmers' Code of Conduct and is a condition of their membership agreement with the Club.**

The Club will undertake to:

- Inform you at once if your child is ill and ensure their wellbeing until you are able to collect him/her.
- Ensure child protection guidelines are followed at all times to keep your child safe.
- Ensure all activities are properly supervised/taught/coached and consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.

The parent has a right to:

- 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 laws and rules. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the Club Welfare Officer.
- Make a complaint on behalf of their child to Swim England.

Any misdemeanours or breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with by the Club committee utilising the same format and procedures explained in the swimmer's code of conduct under the guidance of the Swim England regulations.