

Code of Conduct

Athletes (under 18)

This code is something that you as an athlete should refer to in relation to your rights as an athlete, the respect you should expect but also that which you demonstrate to other members, what is expected of you in terms of listening and being listened to and your behaviour as a member of the club.

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

- Feel safe and know how you can raise concerns.
- Be listened to.
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity.
- Be respected and treated fairly by every member of the club.
- Feel welcomed, valued and not judged based on your race, gender, sexuality, faith, ability or any other relevant characteristic.
- Be encouraged and developed with our help and support.
- Be looked after if there's an accident or injury and have your parents/guardians/emergency contact informed, where appropriate.

As a member of our club we expect you to:

- Be aware of Wavepower and adhere to relevant guidance.
- Adhere to the Swim England regulations, Code of Ethics, Club Constitution and rules.
- Listen to your coach or teacher, obey instructions, and behave responsibly. Speak out when something isn't right.
- Do not stop and stand in the lane, or obstruct others.
- Arrive in good time on poolside before training session starts to complete poolside warm up as directed by your coach.
- If you need to leave the pool for any reason during training inform your coach before doing so.
- Always swim to the wall as you do in a race, and practice turns as instructed.
- Do not pull on the ropes as this may injure other swimmers.
- Do not skip lengths or sets.
- Never leave the premises (at either training or a competition) without agreeing it with your coach, teacher or team manager first.
- Make it to training and competitions on time and if you're running late, let a member of the club know.
- Make your coach or teacher aware if you have any difficulties attending training or competitions.
- Bring the right kit to training and competitions, as laid down by the club.
- Take care of equipment and premises as if they were your own.

- Recognise and celebrate the good performance and success of fellow club and team members.
- Attend events and galas that the Head Coach has entered/ selected you for unless previously agreed otherwise with the relevant club official and coach.
- Be Part of the Team. Stay with the Team on poolside where possible, and get the consent of the Team manager/ coach before leaving the premises.
- Report to your coach for feedback after races.
- Support your team mates.
- Swim down after the race where possible, and maintain standards of good behaviour in the swim down pool.
- Never leave an event until either the gala is complete or you have the explicit agreement of the club coach or team manager.
- Respect volunteers and competitors at competitions.
- Respect the committee members, coaching and teaching team and volunteer helpers at all times.
- Get involved in club decisions, it's your sport too.

We expect certain standards of behaviour from our members. By becoming a member of the club and therefore agreeing to this Code of Conduct you agree to:

- Display a high level of behaviour at all times.
- Follow the rules of the club, squad or activity at all times.
- Respect and celebrate differences in the club and you will not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, faith, ability, or any other relevant characteristic.
- 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.
- Respect the privacy of others especially in the changing rooms.
- Not use any mobile device, at any time, in the changing areas.
- Report any concerns you have about someone taking photographs or footage of others in the changing areas.
- Report any incidents of bullying or unacceptable behaviour to the welfare officer, even if you're just a witness.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the club committee and any behaviour which may be a criminal offence will be reported to Police and any other relevant authority, by the club.

Signature of the child

Signature of parent/guardian

Date