

Glen Burnie Park Dolphins Swim Team
Code of Conduct for Swimmers and Parents

The purpose of this conduct policy is to insure that every swimmer is provided an environment that allows them the opportunity to reach their individual goals. A swimmer's conduct at practices and meets should support every other swimmer's ability to learn and the coach's ability to teach other swimmers.

Conduct Expected of All Swimmers

- GBP swimmers are expected to remember that at practice, during swim meets and in public they are representing the Glen Burnie Park Swim Club. The Club expects each swimmer to behave in a manner that reflects positively on the team at all GBP functions.
- GBP swimmers are expected at all times to follow the directions of the coaches and team directors. Disrespect or failure to obey instructions will not be tolerated from any athlete.
- GBP swimmers are expected to respect each other. Fighting, harassing, or striking another athlete will subject the swimmer to the most severe discipline.
- GBP swimmers are expected to support all team members regardless of their ability. Demeaning or derogatory comments toward any other swimmer will not be tolerated.
- GBP swimmers are expected to use appropriate language. Use of profane or abusive language or obscene gestures will not be tolerated.
- GBP swimmers are expected to respect and care for the property of others. Vandalism, intentional damage to property or theft of property will not be tolerated.
- Disruption of practice by an athlete will be grounds for removal. Continual cheating in practice will be considered a disruption of practice.
- GBP has a zero tolerance policy toward drugs. Swimmers are not to use or possess alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or other banned substances.

Basic Swimmer Responsibilities

- Swimmers should be punctual for all practices and meets.
- Swimmers should plan on attending all meets if possible. If you are unable to attend a meet, you must sign out on the sign out sheet, otherwise you coaches and teammates will be expecting you. In the event of an unforeseeable emergency or illness on the day of the meet, please contact the coaches or swim team directors as soon as possible.
- Swimmers are expected to wear GBP swim suits and team caps at meets. This displays team pride and makes it easier to identify swimmers on the blocks and in the water.
- Focus on every drill and every set. Be committed to putting forth your best effort every day. An honest effort does not include cutting laps, pulling on lane lines or missing send offs/sets.
- The coaches are there to help you. You are expected to pay attention and follow all of the coach's instructions completely and exactly. If any clarification is needed, inquire politely.

Conduct Expected of All Parents

- Set the right example for our children by showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, officials, parents, and for all the facilities and other property used during practice or swim meets.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, swim meets, and team activities.
- Be an active participant in all fundraising events and other team activities and encourage and support your child by permitting them to be timely for practices and swim meets.
- Recognize that the coaches are professionals and allow them to coach your child without interference during practices and swim meets.
- If you have concerns, address it with the coach or swim director in private.

I understand and accept that failure to abide by the GBP Swim Team Code of Conduct for Swimmers and Parents may result in immediate disciplinary action including but not limited to the following:

- Suspension from the meet, event or practice session.
- Suspension or expulsion from the team.
- Forfeiture of all payments for participation in the meet, event or team.
- Dismissal from the team.
- Any combination of the above.

I understand that GBP Coaches and Swim Team Directors judgment will prevail in any disciplinary action that arises, and that any necessary code interpretation will be the sole responsibility of GBP Coaches and Swim Team Directors.

I pledge to comply with the GBP CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SWIMMERS AND PARENTS. Parents are responsible for explaining the Code to their swimmer as needed.

Swimmer's Signature Date

Parent's Signature Date