



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS /CARERS

WETHERBY DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every swimmer, coach, technical official and others involved in swimming and treat everyone equally.
2. Consistently promote positive aspects of the sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited or age-inappropriate substances.
3. Never place undue pressure on children to perform, participate or compete.
4. Check the qualifications and licenses of people who, outside of Wetherby Swimming club, may be offering a service connected to swimming such as physiotherapy, massage or nutritional advice.
5. Take an active interest in your child's participation and ensure that they attend training sessions or gala competitions whenever possible.
6. Know exactly where your child will be and whom they will be with at all times and never make assumptions about your child's safety.
7. Assume responsibility for safe transportation to and from training and competition.
8. Ensure that your child does not take any unnecessary valuable items to training or competition.
9. Inform your child's coach or team manager of any illness or disability that needs to be taken into consideration for training and galas.
10. Provide any necessary medication that your child needs for the duration of

training /trips.

11. Return any necessary written consent forms to the club/team manager or appropriate person, including next of kin details, health and medical requirements before your child goes to any away events or trips.
12. Report any concerns you have about your child's or any other child's welfare to the Club Welfare Officer, (This does not affect your right to contact your local social services or the police if you feel it is necessary).
13. As a responsible parent/person with parental responsibility for a swimmer, when participating in or attending any activities, including training/coaching sessions and competition events you will:
 - Act with dignity and display courtesy and good manners towards others.
 - Avoid language that is racist, sexist, abusive or deemed to be bullying.
 - Avoid behaviour that is dangerous to yourself or others, acts of violence, bullying, harassment and physical and sexual abuse.
 - Challenge inappropriate behaviour and language by others. Be aware that your attitude and behaviour directly affects the behaviour of your child and other young swimmers.
 - Avoid destructive behaviour and leave venues as you find them.
 - Never engage in any inappropriate or illegal behaviour.
 - Not carry or consume alcohol to excess and/or illegal substances.
 - Not carry any items that can be dangerous to you or to others.
14. Please note that any parent, guardian or carer found to have broken this Code of Conduct will be in breach of the Wetherby and District Swimming Club Rules (Rule 25) which states:

“Any member whose behaviour is deemed detrimental to the best interests of the Club shall be informed that his/her conduct has been reported to the Committee who will consider the offence. The Committee can expel the offender on the vote of two-thirds of the Committee present. Any offender shall have the right to appear before the Committee and if expelled shall have the right of appeal to the ASA.”

Signature of Consent by Parent/Guardian/Carer:.....

Print Full Name:

Date:

WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Any issues or concerns, if regarding training, should be brought to the attention of the lead coach in the first instance.

If for any reason a person is uncomfortable approaching the lead coach or for any other issue unrelated to swim training then they should approach the WDSC welfare officer.

The club has two welfare officers:

Gill Davy (Email: wetherbyswimclubwelfare@gmail.com mob: 07712839370)

Richard Hollis (Email: wetherbyswimclubwelfare@gmail.com mob: 07847507585)

Please remember that all officials of the club are volunteers who give their time freely and will act in the best interest of all parties to ensure that any issues are dealt with in a professional, calm and courteous manner.

The club will not tolerate any form of abuse directed at its officials or other members.

The ASA is committed to ensuring that any child who attends an ASA organisation, event or activity will be safeguarded from harm.

Wetherby and District Swimming Club adheres to all policies and procedures in the Wavepower Document 2016-2019 and will act in accordance with these policies if concerns regarding child's safety or welfare is raised.