



## CVAC Parent Code of Conduct

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a positive, respectful, and supportive environment for all swimmers, coaches, officials, and parents involved with our swim team. By establishing clear expectations for parent behavior, we aim to foster a community where athletes can thrive, develop their skills, and enjoy their swimming experience.

### Guidelines

#### 1. Respect for Coaches and Officials:

- Trust the coaching staff to guide and develop your child's skills and abilities.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other swimmers during practices and meets.
- Respect the decisions of officials and refrain from questioning or criticizing them during or after meets.

#### 2. Sportsmanship:

- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all swimmers, coaches, and officials at every practice and meet.
- Applaud all swimmers' efforts and achievements, regardless of the outcome.

#### 3. Communication:

- Address any concerns or questions directly with the coaching staff at appropriate times, not during practices or meets.
- Stay informed about team events, schedules, and updates through official team communications.

#### 4. Pool Deck Policy:

- Parents are not allowed on the pool deck during practices and meets unless they are volunteering in an official capacity.
- Respect the designated spectator areas and refrain from entering restricted zones.

#### 5. Behavior:

- Maintain a positive and respectful attitude towards all team members, coaches, officials, and other parents.
- Avoid any behavior that could be considered disruptive, disrespectful, or unsportsmanlike.

#### 6. Support:

- Volunteer for team activities and events when possible to support the team's operations and success.
- Encourage your child to attend all practices and meets, and to give their best effort.

## **Review and Amendments**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the CVAC Board of Directors and may be amended as necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of all members.

## **Consequences of Misconduct**

Failure to adhere to this Parent Code of Conduct may result in the following consequences:

- **Verbal Warning:** A coach or team official will discuss the misconduct with the parent and provide a verbal warning.
- **Written Warning:** A formal written warning will be issued to the parent, outlining the misconduct and the need for compliance with the policy.
- **Suspension from Events:** The parent may be temporarily banned from attending practices, meets, or other team events.
- **Permanent Ban:** In cases of severe or repeated misconduct, the parent may be permanently banned from attending all team activities and events.
- **Removal of Swimmer:** In extreme cases, the swimmer may be removed from the team if the parent's behavior continues to negatively impact the team environment.