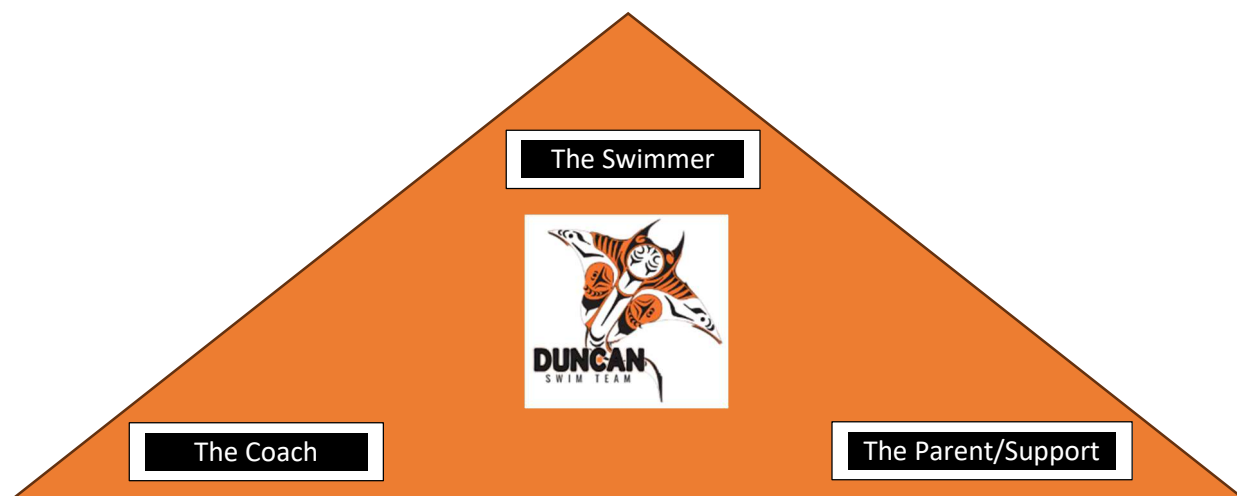


## Stingrays' Parents Role

As a parent / guardian of a swimmer, families understand that Swimming is simply a sport that their child does. The role of the Swimming Family is to support, love, and encourage their child.

Swimming teaches children many life skills and can build one's character. The Stingrays Coaches will help teach the swimmers about commitment, work ethic, teamwork, living a healthy lifestyle, managing their time, (and so much more!) not just how to swim fast. Support the Coach as well as the Stingrays program, and your Swimmer(s) will benefit from this support.

Children progress at different rates and areas at different times. This includes the four main skills taught by our Coaches: physical, mental/emotional, technical, and tactical. This is not a linear path, and your Coaches are here to support your Swimmer's growth and development through their successes and inevitable failures. In having that unconditional support, we firmly believe this will create confidence in the Swimmer!



The 3 way partnership of:

- The Swimmer,
- The Parent/Support, and
- The Coach

can be illustrated by a simple triangle. We all have our roles in this partnership and by respecting the others' role (corner of the triangle), we will be able to positively affect the Swimmer within our triangle. Stepping across the triangle and imposing ourselves on another's role will see the inevitable collapse of the triangle and as a result, the Swimmer will be negatively affected. We're all here to support the Swimmer. If you feel that your Swimmer's Coach is not, please do address your concerns early and directly with your Swimmer's Coach. By doing so, we'll all positively affect our Swimmer, their personal growth, and their overall involvement & enjoyment as a Swimmer.

You can support your child by being a positive role model through these times, not a coach. Please help the Coaches support the growth of your child in all facets of the sport as it is our belief that a well-rounded athlete is one that will ultimately grow to become an independent, well-rounded adult. Should an issue arise, please set up an appointment to discuss this with your child's Coach. If you require further information, please forward your concerns to the Head Coach.

Lastly, swim clubs are primarily driven by their members. We encourage parents to volunteer and support the Stingrays with any ideas that will help the team grow, be a better organization, or assist with building a successful environment for all the children on our Team.