

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

(You agree to abide by this code of conduct when you sign the Membership Form on behalf of your son/ daughter).

OBJECTIVES:

To make parents/guardians of Chase SC members fully aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Chase SC is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the well being of all of its members.

Chase SC believes that it is important that swimmers, coaches, helpers and parents associated with the club should at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others, as well as safety and welfare of themselves.

Chase SC members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with the Welfare Officer or Club Chair, whose details may be found on the club noticeboard at Cheslyn Hay.

All Chase SC Parents are expected to:

1. Complete and return the Chase SC Membership Form (which includes Health and Consent details) as requested by the club, and detail any health concerns relevant to the child on the consent form. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the teacher/coach prior to coaching sessions. You must ensure that Chase SC has up to date contact details for you and any alternative person(s).
2. Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment, i.e. hats, goggles etc. (Make sure all property is identified with the swimmer's name & Chase SC).
3. Refrain from criticising a teacher/coach in the presence of (their – and other) swimmers and parents – the bond between swimmer and coach is important and should not be undermined.
4. Refrain from entering onto poolside during training or competition unless invited to do so by the coach.
5. Make an appointment to discuss any concerns regarding your swimmer with the teacher/coach at a convenient and appropriate time.
6. Refrain from leaning over the balcony to speak with the coach during training sessions. If you wish to speak with the coach please do so at the end of the session.
7. Actively participate in helping the club progress by offering assistance and support to the coaches and the Committee.
8. Be patient with progress – understand that the journey to the top can be a long one . . . and that “success is a journey not a destination. The

doing is often more important than the outcome". (ASA Long Term Athlete Development 2010)

9. Encourage your child to abide by the ASA rules for swimming. (visit www.britishswimming.org).

10. Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials and coaches.

11. Help your swimmer to recognise good performance, not just results.

12. Never force your swimmer to take part in swimming.

13. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances by ALL swimmers.

14. Never punish or belittle your (or other) swimmer(s) for losing or making mistakes as mistakes are a normal part of learning.

15. Publicly accept the officials' judgments.

16. Support your swimmer's involvement and help them to enjoy swimming.

17. Use correct and proper language at all times.

18. Encourage and guide swimmers to accept responsibility for their own performance and behaviour.

19. Bullying will not be tolerated. (Please read the Chase SC Anti-Bullying Policy.)

20. Abide by any guidelines issued by the club.

21. Disciplinary matters for unacceptable conduct are at the discretion of the coach and chaperones, who – in accordance with Club policies - are acting in loco parentis (i.e. with the authority and responsibility of a parent).

22. Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutritional needs and listen to such advice given by the club.

23. Remember that children swim for fun.

Any welfare concerns should be raised in the first instance with the Club's Welfare Officer, Teresa Shackleton.