

Parent / Carers Code of Conduct

Being a Supportive Parent/Carer

Blairgowrie Dolphins ASC is dedicated to nurturing the enjoyment and enthusiasm of every child within our sport, through a safe, fun and progressive environment. We aim to create a welcoming and vibrant environment, promoting inclusivity and diversity that caters for participant's needs and aspirations. It is important that athletes participate in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere; which allows them to perform to the best of their abilities; valuing and recognising effort as well as results.

To achieve this, we rely heavily on parents/carers to give their support in the right way. All club activities both in and out of the pool are covered by this code of conduct. Parents/Guardians are asked to abide by this code of conduct at all times. Please return a signed copy to your club.

Supporting your athlete:

1. Ensure your athlete is properly prepared – clothing, kit, equipment, food, drink, etc.
2. Encourage your athlete to have fun.
3. Never condone rule violations or use of prohibited substances.
4. Encourage your athlete to respect the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
5. Ensure that your athlete understands their 'Athlete Code of Conduct'.
6. Inspire your athlete to be the best they can be in both in the sport and in life.
7. Help them understand the important life lessons to be gained from the sport, such as; leadership, handling adversity, teamwork, persistence, and compassion.
8. Establish a positive relationship with your athlete's coach.
9. Do not ridicule or shout at your athlete for making mistakes or losing at events/competitions.

Supporting our Club:

1. Complete and return all sections of the Activity Permission forms; Part 1 – Athlete Emergency Contact Information, Part 2 – Athlete General & Medical Information, Part 3 – Event / Activity Consent Form and Part 4 – Photography, Video & Publications Consent Form.
2. Report any changes to the information in the Activity Permission forms to the coach/club staff as soon as possible BEFORE they next take part in a session.
3. Deliver and collect your athlete punctually before and after sessions/races/events and inform the organiser prior to the activity starting if your child is to be collected early.
4. Support the club by attending events and fundraising activities when you can.
5. Abide by Scottish Swimming Acceptable Use of Mobile Phone Policy and Social Media Guidelines.

Supporting our club/team at events and competitions:

1. Encourage all members of the club by applauding their effort.
2. Show understanding when athletes make mistakes or if they don't win or achieve a PB.
3. Be positive. Discuss performances in a constructive manner at an appropriate time. Focus on things the athlete did well. Don't dwell on mistakes.
4. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
5. Respect and applaud other athletes / teams for their efforts, not just your own.
6. Behave responsibly and do not use inappropriate language whilst involved in or spectating at club activities, and treat athletes, coaches, club volunteers, technical officials, and other parents with due respect.
7. Abide by Scottish Swimming Acceptable Use of Mobile Phone Policy and Social Media Guidelines.

As a Parent/Guardian you have the right to:

1. Be assured that your athlete is safe and protected during their participation in all activities.
2. Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your athlete.
3. Be informed if your athlete is injured or unwell.
4. Have your consent sought for trips or photography.
5. Contribute to decisions within the club.
6. Have any concerns about any aspect of your athlete's welfare listened to and responded to.

Where a parent/guardian is a member of the Club/Scottish Swimming, any breaches of the Parent/Carers Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the club disciplinary procedures.

If the parent/carer is not a member of the Club/Scottish Swimming any breaches of the Parent/Carer Code of Conduct will result in removal from the event/a ban for future events.

I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and I agree to be bound by it:

Parent/Carer Signed:

Name (print):

Date: