

Parents/Carers & Spectators Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour at The Royal School and RWSSC. The Royal Wolverhampton School Swimming Club are supporting Swim England's Code of Ethics and Wavepower documents to ensure swimming can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember children's swimming is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

Play your part and observe The RWSSC's Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

As a parent/guardian of a club member we understand you have the right to:

1. Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
2. Know how to access our club policies, rules and procedures.
3. Know who the Welfare Officer is and how to contact them.
4. Know that any concerns about your child's welfare will be listened to and responded to.
5. Know what qualifications and training those with responsibility for your child have.
6. Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child, where appropriate.
7. Know the procedure should your child be involved in an accident or become injured.
8. Provide your consent or otherwise for photography and trips away.
9. Make a complaint to the club committee or Welfare Officer (as appropriate).

As a parent/guardian of a club member we expect you to:

Essentials

1. Make sure your child has the right kit for training and competitions as well as enough food and drink.
2. Ensure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly.
3. Inform us if you're running late to collect your child or if your child is going home with someone else.
4. Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes.
5. Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach or teacher.
6. Tell us if you wish to talk to us about any concerns regarding your child. We will arrange a mutually convenient time so you can talk to us.
7. Not enter poolside or interrupt training or competitions unless in an emergency situation.

Behaviour

1. Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in swimming, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.
2. Behave positively as a spectator at training or competitions and treat others with respect.

3. Give encouragement to your child and tell them when they've done well and provide support when they are struggling.
4. Respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation, faith or ability.
5. Respect the children and adults competing for other teams at competitions.
6. Respect the committee members, coaching and teaching team and all volunteer helpers at the club.
7. Understand that the use of abusive or inappropriate language, bullying, physical violence or any other behaviour which hurts others will not be tolerated by the club.
8. Understand that poor behaviour may result in the club taking disciplinary action against you. Any behaviour which alleges a criminal offence will be reported to police by the club.
9. Talk to your child and ensure they understand the rules of the club and the sport.
10. Ensure your child understands their Code of Conduct.
11. Ensure all fees and money owing is paid in full promptly and/or when requested. Members leaving the club are legally obligated to settle their bill in full and agree to do so.

Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the club committee. Continued issues and repeated breaches may result in parents/ guardians being asked not to attend the club, something we never want to do.

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from the club, Head Coach, school or competition official
- Required to meet with the club, school, county, regional Welfare Officer or National child protection officer
- Required to meet with the club committee and Head Coach
- Obligated to leave the swimming venue by the club
- Requested by the club or Swim England not to attend future training sessions or competition
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club

In addition:

- An alleged breach of this code may be grounds for making a formal complaint to the County, Region or National governing body under Swim England Regulations.