



Orpington Ojays Swimming Club Code of Conduct for Parents/Guardians

The following Code of Conduct applies to every person who has parental responsibility for a child who is a member of the Orpington Ojays Swimming Club. The main purpose of this code is to provide a safe and friendly environment for everyone connected with the club. A breach of the Code may give rise to disciplinary action, as outlined in detail in the Club Rules which are to be found on the Orpington Ojays website www.orpingtonojays.com in the Documents section under the title Rules. Any incident should be reported to the Coach, Welfare Officer or to a member of the Committee.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct during training

- Please do not enter poolside unless requested to do so, or in the case of an emergency. If you wish to have a discussion with the Coach, please speak with him or her at the beginning or end of the session, or check with a member of the Committee as to how this can be arranged.
- Please do not coach your swimmer from the spectator area as this can cause confusion and will inevitably interfere with a coaching plan, as swimmers will listen to parents and not to the Coach.
- Never use inappropriate, abusive, offensive or insulting language or behaviour towards any person at the pool.
- Please ensure that your child is on time to their swimming session, with all necessary equipment. If your child is unable to swim or will be late, please inform the Coach beforehand, if you can.
- Please support the Coach and Committee appropriately and raise any concerns with the Coach, Welfare Officer or a Committee member as and if they arise.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct at Galas

- Please ensure, where possible, your child is available for galas that they have been selected for. A list of the fixtures can be found on the website.
- Encourage and support your child in competition, recognising effort as well as achievement.
- Never use abusive, offensive, inappropriate or insulting language at competitions.

- Behave in an appropriate manner, respecting the Coach's and Official's decisions, always supporting and encouraging your child and other team members.
- Encourage your swimmer to respect other competitors and Officials.

I understand that if I do not follow the above code action may be taken by the Club, and/or County, Regional or National Swimming Associations. As a result I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a Club or Association Official
- Required to meet with the Club's Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the Club's Committee
- Obligated to leave a training session or competition venue
- Suspended, have club membership removed or be required to leave the Club

Signed by Parent/Guardian

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