

Orillia Channel Cats Swim Club

Parents Code of Conduct

Parents share a crucial role in the development of their child's performance. In order for coaches and swimmers to work together in achieving common goals parents must respect and adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Parents should be supportive of their swimmer's performances both expected and unexpected.
2. All questions and concerns directed towards a coach must be brought forth in a meeting set by the coach and parent.
3. Parents should never, under any circumstance, speak poorly about other swimmers or conduct in behaviour that creates conflict between swimmers.
4. Parents are not to be on deck during practices or swim meets unless volunteering or asked by a member of the coaching staff.
5. Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their swimmer is on time for practices, swim meets, meetings and other team events.
6. Parents/guardians will not coach or instruct swimmers at a practice or competition (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with the coaching of swimmers.
7. Parents will use appropriate and respectful language and behaviour when speaking with other coaches, swimmers, parents and spectators.
8. Parents/guardians will conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times and know their role as it pertains to their swimmer:
 - Athletes – Swim
 - Coaches – Train/Coach
 - Officials – Officiate
 - Parents/guardians – Parent

Parents attending meets and other club functions (Tag Day, Bingo, meetings) are representatives of The Orillia Channel Cats Swim Club and all we stand for. It is our mandate to foster excellence in our competitive swimming program from a grass roots level to the international level. Also to instill self-confidence, a good work ethic, goal setting skills, and team building abilities in our swimmers.

Our goal is to encourage participation in club activities, providing a sense of belonging, with a focus on personal excellence. All parents are expected to act accordingly and adhere to our clubs' mandate.

To ensure the physical and emotional safety of swimmers and coaches any violation of the above code will be dealt with by the board of directors. The following penalties could be imposed:

a) Formal meeting with two representatives from the board of directors that could result in short term sanctions from practice, meets and/or CATS events

If a second offence occurs

b) Suspension from club practices, CATS events and/or meets will be sanctioned

Parents/guardians agree and understand that volunteer organizations such as the Orillia Channel Cats Swim Club depend on the energy and goodwill of parents to fulfill numerous, essential roles. They support their swimmer and the Club by volunteering their time to assist in meets, social events and fundraising activities. They also agree and understand a productive and safe atmosphere promoting camaraderie and family values is accomplished through the collaborative efforts of our parents, athletes, coaches and staff. Parents/guardians understand that if they should conduct themselves in such a manner that brings discredit or discord to The Orillia Channel Cats Swim Club or any provincial or national governing body, they voluntarily subject themselves to disciplinary action.

The club maintains the right to terminate any membership with/without cause in the interest of the Orillia Channel Cats Swim Club vision, mission and objectives.

I/We have read and agree to the above Parents Code of Conduct, dated on: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian signature

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**if two or more parents/guardians we require all parties to read and sign the form.*