



## Code of Conduct for Parents

This code of conduct ensures that we create a supportive environment for our athletes and coaches, so that every swimmer can achieve their full potential. It is in effect throughout the year and disciplinary action will apply to any member violating it. As a Gators parent or guardian, I agree with the following:

At Gators Swim Club we win gracefully, lose graciously, and always congratulate our opponents.

- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by being courteous to others regardless of age, race, creed, color, gender, or abilities, and I will encourage my athlete to do the same.
- I will support and encourage every swimmer, coach, official, and volunteer through my positive actions and attitude.
- I understand that arguing, booing, criticizing, taunting, or using profane language or hostile gestures toward any coach, official, volunteer, swimmer, other parent, other team, or any other person of authority, is not permitted nor tolerated by Gators Swim Club.
- I will communicate respectfully with coaches, other members of the team, officials, and staff.

Gators Swim Club parents follow the Uganda Swimming Federation (USF) Safe Sport policies.

- I will not access locker rooms in use by athletes, nor at any time make any audio or visual recording—including the use of a smartphone—in changing areas, restrooms, locker rooms, or behind the starting blocks.
- I will abide by the rules of the Elite Swim and Gym, and any other facility used by Gators Swim Club or other host pools.
- I understand that I am not allowed on the pool deck at any time unless I am working in a volunteer position that requires my presence there.



Gators parents support a swimming environment that is free of drugs, tobacco/vaping, and alcohol.

- I will refrain from using or consuming these items at team events, swim meets, or practices.

Gators swimmers.

- I understand that attendance is essential to experiencing success in the pool, and I will support my athlete by having them arrive on time, prepared, for every meet and practice.

Gators parents.

- I will readily volunteer, quietly observe practices, cheer at meets, and give positive reinforcement and encouragement to my swimmer throughout the season.
- I will hold a positive image of our team, pay dues and fees on time, dutifully fulfill my lane timing assignments and Gators volunteer obligation, and proudly wear our team logo.

Gators coaches.

- I recognize that coaches are professionals, and I will always assume the best of them and allow them to coach without interruption.
- I will respect all coaching decisions and I will refrain from interfering with coaches on deck, or from coaching my athlete from the stands during meets or practices.
- If I have concerns about my swimmer, I will arrange to meet with the coach privately during normal business hours.

Meet officials.

- I will respect the integrity of swim officials by assuming their decisions are based on honest, objective evaluations of performance.
- I understand that only coaches may approach the deck referee to challenge a decision.
- I understand that meet officials are volunteers and will be treated with the same respect that I would expect if I were in that position.

Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in membership termination.

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