



MARKET DRAYTON SWIMMING CLUB

Affiliated to the Amateur Swimming Association Midland District

www.mds swimclub.co.uk

CODE OF CONDUCT August 2008

Objective and Scope

The purpose of this document is to establish a set of guidelines and procedures, which outline the responsibilities and behaviour of both staff and swimmers who are members of the Market Drayton Swimming Club. It is expected that this code of conduct should be followed at all gala events and training sessions.

Behaviour and Personal Conduct

Behaviour and personal conduct must at all times be of a high standard and reflect favourably on the sport, and the Club. Language in public or relevant group situations must always be appropriate and socially acceptable.

- Swimmers disrupting squad sessions, misbehaving or challenging the coaches' instructions will be asked to leave the pool for that session only.
- A second instance of a similar nature will result in a written warning outlining the coaches concerns to the swimmer and parents. This warning will be valid for one month.
- Recurrence within the month of bad behaviour or refusal to leave the pool when instructed will result in the matter being referred to the Committee for more formal action. As set out in the ASDA Judicial Law this could lead to suspension or expulsion from the club.

Children's Code of Conduct

You will be expected to be on poolside on time and ready for the beginning of any training session or gala warm up. You should ensure that you have all your appropriate kit with you on the poolside including any medication, which may be necessary. You should remove all jewellery. Wear your club hat for both training sessions and gala events. Tie up hair if necessary. Swim to your full potential at all times. Swim the correct way around the lane and be aware of safety procedures. Co-operate with all coaching staff and poolside helpers. Go to the toilet **BEFORE** you come on poolside. Commit to attending a **minimum** of two training sessions each week (sickness and holidays allowing).

Parent's Code of Conduct

Parents are actively encouraged to become involved in running the Club and to be able to discuss any aspect of their child's swimming development or performance directly with the Coach or, if preferred, with any member of the Club committee. Parents must respect the right of the Coach to tailor the session to the specific needs of the swimmer. In all dealings with Club Officials Parents must use appropriate behaviour and language, and actively support the Club Officials. Failure to abide by this Parental Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action being taken by the Club Committee.

Gala Selection

If you have been asked to represent the club at a gala, make every effort to attend.

Remember it is an honour to represent your club.
Inappropriate behaviour at Gala will not be tolerated.
Club hats and T shirts MUST be worn at All Galas.
Ensure that you bring with you plenty to drink.
Always co-operate with the Team Manager
Do not leave the poolside without first telling a member of the coaching team or the designated poolside helper who is responsible for you.

Training

Respect the right of other swimmers to train to their full potential. Respect your competitors at galas. The same good level of behaviour is expected in the changing rooms as on the poolside. If at anytime behaviour on the poolside is inappropriate or unsafe, the coach has the right to ask the swimmer to leave the pool.

In addition, it is expected that all members of Market Drayton Swimming Club, when attending any event or training sessions shall:

- Comply with the codes, rules and laws within the guidelines set out by the ASA
- Behave without discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, language, religion, birth or social status as set out in the equal opportunities policy.
- Respect the human rights, worth and dignity of each member.
- Not encourage swimmers, volunteers, officials or parents to violate the rules of the club or the sport.
- Observe the authority and the decisions of all officials.
- Encourage all swimmers to obey the spirit of the rules and laws both in and out of the pool
- Treat other competitors and teams with respect in victory and defeat.

I acknowledge that a copy of the rules of Market Drayton Swimming Club are located on the Swimming Club Notice Board and are also available to view and download on the swimming club web site www.mdswimclub.co.uk and confirm my understanding and acceptance that such rules (as amended from time to time) shall govern my membership of the Club. I further acknowledge and accept the responsibilities of membership upon members as set out in these rules.

Swimmers Acceptance of Code of Conduct

Name of Swimmer

Signed Date

Parent/Carer for members under 12 years

As the parent/carers of the above named member, I hereby confirm that I have explained it them the contents and implications of this Code of Conduct and rules of the club.

Signed Parent/carers Date

Parental Acceptance of Code of Conduct

Name of Parent

Signed Date