

Parent/Guardian's Code of Conduct

Garrett Park Swim Team

Parents and guardians recognize that the Garrett Park Swim Team and its activities are for the benefit of children. The goals of the Garrett Park Swim Team includes helping young people establish a love for the sport of swimming, while developing advanced aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship. To accomplish these goals, parents/guardians must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with creating a positive experience for children and their families.

As a Parent or Guardian of a child registered with the Garrett Park Swim Team which is an MCSL member team, you are responsible for the conduct of your guests and other family members. Garrett Park Swim team will not tolerate a parent or guardian yelling at or belittling a child, an official, coach or other parent or guardian in any way. As an adult and role model, children are influenced by my words and actions. I agree to the following:

1. I will adhere to policy and rules of SAFE Swim as established by USA Swimming and followed by all members of the Montgomery County Summer Swim League.
2. I will remember that all children participate to have fun and that competition is for youth, not adults.
3. I will be a positive role model for children and will encourage them to reach the highest levels of sportsmanship and to follow the rules.
4. I will be respectful and courteous of others, and will support and encourage swimmers, officials, team representatives, and coaches through my positive actions and attitude.
5. I will recognize that meet officials are volunteers and will treat them with the same respect that I would expect if I were in that position.
6. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike behavior with an official, coach, swimmer, or parent/guardian such as arguing, booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will teach my child to treat other swimmers, coaches, team representatives, and officials with respect regardless of age, race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
8. I will not be aggressive or hostile towards another individual and will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence or argument.
9. I will not ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for making a mistake and will not hold a specific child responsible for losing a competition.
10. I will respect and support the team representatives', officials' and coaches' authority during meets and will never argue with, question, discuss, or confront officials or coaches.
11. I will support a swimming environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all team events.
12. I promise to help my child enjoy the summer swimming experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, volunteering at meets, and helping with other team activities.
13. I will do my best to make swimming fun for all children.

I understand that if I fail to uphold these policies that I may be subject to disciplinary action by the Garrett Park Swim Team Leadership Committee.