



## Three Village Swim Club Parents Code of Conduct

### Overview

Three Village Swim Club has created the Code of Conduct below to help guide our program towards knowing what “right” looks like. This creates a culture that not only develops swimmers as athletes and future leaders, but also seeks to establish parental boundaries that enable your children to succeed. It takes a three (3) team approach to help our swimmers meet and exceed their goals: (1) parents, (2) swimmers and (3) coaches. Each has their own unique role that we believe will ensure all team goals are exceeded. ***When in doubt: Swimmers swim. Coaches coach. Parents parent.***

### Code of Conduct

TVSC Swimming has experienced and professional coaches working to develop your children into better swimmers while at the same time teaching and instilling important life skills. These skills include time management, dedication, self-discipline, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Your swimmer will reap the benefits of swimming long after their participation with TVSC ends.

#### **As the parent of a TVSC swimmer, you agree to follow the rules for behavior and sportsmanship:**

- Set a good example. Show respect and be polite to everyone.
- Follow USA Swimming Safe Sport Policies.
- Have your swimmer arrive on time for practices and meets.
- Help your swimmer to organize their time so that they will be successful in school and in the pool. Attendance is essential to experiencing success in the pool.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Win gracefully. Lose graciously. Congratulate our opponent(s).
- Assume the best from coaches and officials. We all want to see your swimmers succeed and meet their individual goals.
- While at TVSC functions, facilities and meets, always represent the team **in a positive and respectful manner.**

#### **Know Your Role**

- Swimmers swim. Coaches coach. Officials officiate. Parents parent.
- Love your kids with positive reinforcement and encouragement.
- Do not coach your child at practice or during meets.
- Do not distract swimmers or coaches by interfering in practices or meets.
- If you have a concern about your child, please make arrangements to meet with their coach privately.

#### **Meet Etiquette**

- Respond in a timely manner to meet entries. **The coaching staff** has final approval of each swimmer’s meet entries.
- Show up to the meet early to ensure your swimmer has time to check in and relax before their swims.
- Questions about a disqualification? Direct your questions to their coach. Do not approach officials at a meet.
- Do not step onto the pool deck, unless registered with USA Swimming and you are officiating or timing.
- Hold a positive image for our team. Wear our Logo! Keep setting that good example.

- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES shall a parent ever text or call a coach during a swim meet or regarding swim decisions.

### **Get Involved!**

- Become a USA Swimming Official.
- Help plan a group social.
- Volunteer at meets. Every meet requires a number of volunteers from each team to operate smoothly.

## **Code of Conduct Contract**

If you should conduct yourself in a manner that brings discredit or discord to TVSC or USA Swimming, you subject yourself to disciplinary action. The Three Village Swim Club maintains the right to suspend or terminate any membership with or without cause.

## **Model Team Code of Conduct: Parents**

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents. As a parent/guardian, I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child's participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach the team. I agree to the following statements:

- I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities.
- I will get involved by volunteering, observing practices, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress at the appropriate times.
- I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials.
- I will direct my concerns first to the coaches; then, if not satisfied, to the appropriate supervisor.

## **What You Can Expect To Hear From A TVSC Coach**

- Philosophy
- Location, Dates, & Times of practices
- Coaches rules specific to each group
- Discipline policies & procedures
- Expectations of the swimmers
- Concerns or issues related to your child
- What can I do to help your child?

## **Appropriate Forms Of Communication With Coaches**

- In person meeting, with a time/date agreed upon by Coach & Parents
- E-mail
- Remind App Text (If Coach has a Remind account for specific group)