

The Code for Parents/Guardians¹

Mission Statement:

Parents / Guardians have the primary responsibility for the care and welfare of their children.

They should encourage their children to participate in sport for fun and enjoyment and should ensure that their child's experience of sport is a positive one. Parents should always remember that children play sport for their own enjoyment and not that of the parents/guardians.

Parents/guardians and coaches will ideally work in partnership to promote good practice in their club and to support all efforts to protect the children against all forms of abuse.

They should ensure that their club treats their children with fairness, respect and understanding, and that it is fulfilling its responsibility to safeguard children by ensuring the Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport is being implemented in their club.

They should encourage their children to tell them about anyone causing them harm.

They should become aware of club procedures and policies, in particular where changes are made that affect them or their children, and be informed of all matters relating to ethics and good practice.

Parents/Guardians should remember that children learn best by example.

ASGARD SWIMMING CLUB:

To assist in the promotion of good practice within the club you should:

- Help and support the implementation of best practise policies in your child's/children's Swimming Club by following the code below.
- Become members of the Club and contribute your time and effort in the daily running of the Club; no club can operate successfully and safely without the help of volunteers
- Understand and ensure your child/children abide by **The Code for Young Persons**
- Be available for specified duties if and when required; some duties are mandatory (e.g. poolside supervision) and form part of the procedures for safeguarding your children; some will be at the request of the Club.
- Have an awareness of and respect for Leaders and other adults and their roles within the Club

¹ In accordance with Swim Ireland's Codes of Conduct - *Safeguarding Children Policies and Procedures 2010*



- Respect and abide by the decisions made by the Committee and other Leaders, these are made in the best interests of the children in the Club
- Understand the complaints process and follow the proper procedure if you feel unjustly treated, with the knowledge that any complaint will be dealt with effectively and confidentially
- Know your child's training and/or competitive programme, and accept it is your responsibility for delivering and collecting your child/children. Parents/guardians should ensure they do not leave their child/children waiting unsupervised at any time
- Ensure the environment is safe and enjoyable for your child/children
- Promote fair play and the positive aspects of sport
- Be a role model for your children and young people by maintaining the highest standards of personal conduct and respectful behaviour in any activity related to the Club or Swim Ireland.
- Allow your child to focus their efforts and success in terms of their goals rather than winning being the main objective
- Promote participation for children that is fun, safe and in the spirit of fair play
- Ensure appropriate leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning your child
- Arrange an appropriate time and place for discussing any matter with leaders and coaches; communication should not take place whilst leaders and coaches are in a position of supervision or responsible for other young people
- You should have the opportunity to put forward suggestions and comments
- Provide the Club and your child with emergency contact information and to be reasonably available in case of emergency
- Abide by the procedures and policies in this document especially with regard to the use of mobile phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment.
- Be aware and abide by the Code of Ethics, this document, the rules and constitution of Swim Ireland and the rules and constitution of Asgard Swimming Club

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