

The Code for Parents/Carers

You should help and support the implementation of best practice policies in your child's Club by following the Codes of Conduct

The Parent/Carer Code of Conduct:

Your responsibilities are to:

- 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 People**
- Be available for specified duties if and when required; some duties are mandatory and form part of the procedures for safeguarding your children; some will be at the request of the Club
- Where appointed to a role or duty you should not be under the influence of any banned substance or alcohol whilst involved in any Club/Region/Swim Ireland activities
- Have an awareness of and respect leaders and other adults and their roles
- Abide by the Club's code of conduct and support the Sport Ireland Spirit of Sport
- Understand the complaints and disciplinary process; follow the proper procedure if you feel unjustly treated and that any complaint/disciplinary matter 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 appropriate leaders are informed regarding any absenteeism, medical conditions or other relevant matters concerning your child
- Provide the appropriate leaders and your child with emergency contact information and to be reasonably available in case of emergency
- Promote that participation in sport for children and young people is fun, safe, fair and in the Spirit of Sport
- Be a positive role model for 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 set their own goals rather than winning being the main objective
- 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
- Abide by the procedures and policies with regard to the use of mobile phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment **
- Be aware and abide by the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policies, the rules and constitution of Swim Ireland and the rules and constitution of your own Club

As a Swim Ireland parent you should:

- Have the opportunity to put forward suggestions and comments
- Have access to Swim Ireland Parent Programme workshops
- Have access to anti-doping workshops

By signing below, you are committing to abide by the above. Any breach in this code of conduct will be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with the club, regional and Swim Ireland complaints and/or disciplinary process.

Print Name _____ **Club** _____

Signed _____ **Date** _____