

Dunlap Dolphins

Parental Code of Conduct 2010-11

Parents of swimmers on the Dunlap Dolphins Swim Team ("DDST") are required to read, sign and agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

- Swimmers are in the care of DDST staff and coaches during all practices and meets.
- Parents should leave coaching to the coaches. Parents will refrain from coaching their child and other swimmers during practice and meets. Parents will also refrain from speaking to their child or other swimmers while they are in the water as this presents a safety hazard.
- Parents should remain in the bleachers or entry way to pool at all times during practice.
- DDST parents will provide positive support, generally in terms of cheering and clapping, for both DDST and its opponents.
- Problems with any coach or official within the DDST should be brought to the attention of your child's coach. If the problem is not resolved, it should be brought to the attention of the Head Coach. Only after the head coach has been contacted, should a formal complaint to the DDST board of directors be written. All such issues must be documented, signed and dated.
- Any objections to officials' or coaches' decisions should be reserved until after the conclusion of the practice or meet session. At such time, the issue should be discussed with the coach in a professional manner.
- DDST parents teach and encourage their children to exhibit good sportsmanship.
- DDST parents are gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- DDST parents will be a positive role model for their children and their teammates.
- DDST parents encourage an atmosphere of openness, cooperation and consultation.
- DDST parents encourage loyalty within the team and the Club.
- DDST parents will cooperate with coaches, team members, opponents and officials at all times.
- DDST parents will never ridicule or yell at any swimmer for making a mistake or not winning.
- DDST parents will remember that swimming is for the participants, not the adults.
- DDST parents will encourage skill development and practices and how they benefit the swimmer over winning.
- DDST parents will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during practice and meets. Parents will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at the meet, but will arrange a time to discuss issues with the coach.
- DDST parents will show respect and courtesy to all swimmers, coaches, and officials at all practices and meets.
- DDST parents will refrain from conduct such as booing, taunting, profane language, or ridiculing of other participants.
- All USA Swimming and Illinois Swimming rules and regulations will be followed by both parents and swimmers.

Any violation of this code will be brought to the attention of the board of directors, which will issue the appropriate response. This response could include one or more of the following:

1st Offense minimum of 1 week suspension

2nd Offense suspension for rest of season. Suspension for the season will result in the forfeiture of all fees paid to the DDST for the season.

Signature of Parent(s)

Date