

SOPRIS BARRACUDAS SWIM TEAM PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Sopris Barracudas Swim Team is fortunate to have highly experienced, professional coaches working to develop our children into better swimmers, and more importantly, teaching and instilling important life skills. These skills include time management, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Your child will reap the benefits of swimming long after his/her participation with the Barracudas ends. As parents, it is absolutely essential that we give our coaching staff the respect and authority they deserve to run our swim team. Our coaches are hired for that purpose and the Board of Directors oversees the direction of the staff.

Conduct Expected of All Parents

- Set the right example for our children by showing respect and common courtesies at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and for all facilities and other property used during practice or competition.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, competitions and team activities.
- Be an active participant in all fundraising events and other team activities and encourage and support your child by permitting them to be timely for practices and competitions.
- Recognize that Sopris Barracudas coaches are professionals and allow them to coach your child without interference during workouts and meets, including not being present on deck during practice or competitions unless you are working at the meet. Parents will be allowed on deck at certain league meets in specified spectator areas only.
- If you have concerns, you will address it with the appropriate coach in private.
- Insist that your child refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, drugs, other prohibited substances, violence, abusive or foul language, inappropriate sexual conduct, or any other behavior deemed dishonest, discourteous, offensive or disrespectful of others.

Basic Responsibilities

- Practice teamwork with all parents, swimmers, and coaches by supporting the values of Discipline, Loyalty, Commitment, and Hard Work.
- See that your swimmer is on time for practice and arrives on time for meet warm-ups.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Know your role. Swimmers - Swim / Coaches - Coach / Officials - Officiate / Parents - Parent
- Call, email or meet with coaches during normal business hours before or after practice/meets to discuss issues.
- Do not coach your child at practice or during meets, that is the coach's job.
- Do not interrupt or confront the coaching staff on the pool deck during practice or meets.
- Trust and support your swimmer's and coach's decisions around goal-setting, training commitments, swim event entries, and meet schedules. Do not impose your ambitions on your child.
- Any questions about disqualifications, judging, etc should be directed to your swimmer's coach.
- Get involved.... be an official, work on the board, help plan a fundraiser, be a membership chair, help plan a group social. Find something you enjoy!
- Share the burden among parents by volunteering to help at our club-hosted meets, and be a timer at 'away' meets.