

CODE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The Code for Parents/Carers updated June 2020

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:

- 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, region or Swim Ireland
- Allow your child to focus their efforts and set their own goals rather than winning being the main objective
- Understand and ensure your child/children abide by The Code for Young People
- Support the ethos of the club
- Choose a safe and fun club with your child
- Support your child and their teammates in a positive way
- Listen to your child if they have any concerns about our sport
- 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
- 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
- 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 fair play
- 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 regarding the use of mobile phones, any type of camera and videoing equipment
- Be aware of and abide by the Swim Ireland Safeguarding Policies and the rules and constitution of Swim Ireland, the region and your own club
- Comply with all additional Swim Ireland policies and protocols as introduced for clubs and regions

As a Swim Ireland parent, you should:

- Have an opportunity to put forward suggestions and comments
- Have access to Swim Ireland parent support programmes
- Have access to Anti-Doping workshops

