

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian, I am expected to:

- Provide a caring, supportive environment for my child so that he/she feels good about his/her interest in swimming. I will ensure my child's attendance at practice and meets.
- Respect coaches and board members. In the event of questions or disagreement, I will schedule a time outside of practice to discuss concerns in private.
- Be kind to coaches, board members, and other families. This includes not engaging in threatening or abusive behavior or use foul language when speaking to or about others.
- I will not coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at a practice or meet, from the stands or any other area. I will not interfere with coaches on the pool deck. I will maintain self-control at all times and know my role.
- Practice and model good sportsmanship. I can accomplish this by congratulating other swimmers for achievements, refraining from bragging or put-downs, and correcting my child if he/she engages in bragging or put-downs. I will encourage my child to be a good sport and be kind to teammates as well as swimmers from other teams.
- I will participate in fundraising, and volunteering at meets and other events, as required of the team.
- To treat players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability and I will ask my child to do the same.
- To demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, verbal and/or physical aggression, or any other behavior that may be deemed unsafe or inappropriate around children.
- To respect the property, equipment, and facilities made available for use and will ask my child to do the same.
- I will inform the coach or an OST Board member of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- Stroke and Turn Officials, and other Meet Officials will make sanctioned decisions that you may not agree with. It is your responsibility to raise your concern with a Coach or the Board President. You are not permitted to speak with the above officials regarding the official decision.

I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions of the Oakdale Swim Team in exchange for the privilege of my child(re) to participate in the activities and swimming program of the Oakdale Swim Team. Should I choose to disregard any of these rules, or conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to OST or USA Swimming, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action that may include verbal warnings, suspensions, banishment from OST activities, or termination of membership with/without cause.