



## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS OF ATHLETES

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### AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF A KASC ATHLETE, WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
- Know how to access our club policies, rules and procedures.
- Know who the Welfare Officer is and how to contact them.
- Know that any concerns about your child's welfare will be listened to and responded to.
- Know what qualifications and training those with responsibility for your child have.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child, where appropriate.
- Know the procedure should your child be involved in an accident or become injured.
- Provide your consent or otherwise for photography and trips away.
- Make a complaint to the club committee or Welfare Officer (as appropriate).
- Make a complaint on behalf of your child to the Swim England Office of Judicial Administration.

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The club recognises the vital role that parents play and realises it cannot meet its aims and objectives without the help and support of its parents. An important aim of the club is to encourage appropriate ethical behaviour amongst its members. Parents, guardians and carers are important role models and in this respect, they can best support the membership by displaying the behaviours set out below:

- Remember children swim and compete for their own enjoyment, not for that of their parents.



- Encourage your child to learn the rules and play within them.
- Ensure children behave in a manner that does not interfere with other athletes.
- Encourage your child to follow the coaches' advice.
- Discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
- Keep winning and losing in perspective. Help your child recognise good performances, not just results.
- Never force your child to take part in sport.
- Set a good example and applaud the good performances of all competitors and teams; show respect in both victory and defeat.
- Never punish or belittle a child for a poor swim, making mistakes or losing.
- Accept officials' judgments and comply with the codes, rules and laws within the guidelines set out by Swim England.
- Encourage your child's involvement and help them enjoy the sport.
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

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## **AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN OF A CLUB MEMBER, WE EXPECT YOU TO:**

- Make sure your child has the right kit for training and competitions as well as enough food and drink.
- Ensure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly.
- Inform us if you're running late to collect your child or if your child is going home with someone else.
- Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes.
- Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach or teacher.



- Tell us if you wish to talk to us about any concerns regarding your child. We will arrange a mutually convenient time so you can talk to us.
- Not enter poolside or interrupt training or competitions unless in an emergency situation.
- Remember that if the club changes your child's lane and/or training times, it will do so to provide training appropriate to their level of achievement and to enable your child to progress; you should support and encourage this at all times.
- Inform the coach/welfare officer before a session if your child is to be collected early from a training session/event and if so, by whom.
- Assist with the running of events in which your child is participating that are hosted by the club.

## Behaviour

- Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in swimming, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.
- Behave positively as a spectator at training or competitions and treat others with respect.
- Give encouragement to your child and tell them when they've done well and provide support when they are struggling.
- Respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation, faith or ability.
- Respect the children and adults competing for other teams at competitions.
- Respect the committee members, coaching and teaching team and all volunteer helpers at the club.
- Understand that the use of abusive or inappropriate language, bullying, physical violence or any other behaviour which hurts others will not be tolerated by the club.



- Understand that poor behaviour may result in the club taking disciplinary action against you. Any behaviour which alleges a criminal offence will be reported to police by the club.
- Talk to your child and ensure they understand the rules of the club and the sport.
- Ensure your child understands their Code of Conduct.

Finally, please:

- Familiarise yourself with the organisation and rules of the club.
- Keep up to date with club information posted on the notice board and the KASC website,  
<https://uk.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=reczzkscor>
- Pay membership, training, registration and competition fees using the direct debit facility operated by the club.
- Do not allow your child to swim if they are unwell, particularly if they have any open wound or have an upset stomach.
- Become involved with club activities either as a committee member, volunteer or official and share your expertise.
- Support the club at open meets and other functions.

**Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the club committee. Continued issues and repeated breaches may result in parents/ guardians being asked not to attend the club, something we never want to do.**