



# Wantage White Horses Swimming Club

## Code of Conduct – Parents/Guardians

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Wantage White Horses Swimming Club (“the Club”) complies with Codes of Conduct recommended by Swim England for everyone involved in swimming. Set out below is the Club’s Code of Conduct for all parents/guardians in the form of a ‘contract’.

### A. General – For the Parent/Guardian

- A1. I will ensure that the organisation has up-to-date contact details for me and for any alternative person(s) as required.
- A2. I will ensure that the Medical Information as required by the Club is regularly reviewed and updated on the ‘Members’ section of the Club’s website, or, failing this, I will provide the Club with details of any health conditions/concerns relevant to my child. I will report any changes in the state of my child’s health to the coach prior to training sessions or events.
- A3. I will deliver and collect my child punctually to and from training sessions/events.
- A4. At training sessions and other events, I understand that the Club is not responsible for my child in the changing rooms or elsewhere in or around the leisure centre unless he/she is poolside.
- A5. I will make every reasonable effort to ensure I am available to collect my child in the unlikely event that they have to terminate their training session or participation in another event.
- A6. In the event of there being an unavoidable problem, I will inform a member of the coaching staff in advance if my child is unable to attend training or another event.
- A7. I will ensure my child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all mandatory equipment, e.g. hats, goggles, etc. At events, I understand that it is important for the Club to maintain a sense of identity therefore I will ensure my child wears appropriate swimwear, tracksuits, T-shirts/shorts and hats as per the rules laid down by the organisation.
- A8. I will inform the coaching staff before a session or event if my child is to be collected early and, if so, by whom.
- A9. I will behave responsibly as a spectator during training/events and treat members, coaches, Club officials and other parents of members of both my child’s organisation and any other organisation with due dignity and respect, and in accordance with Swim England’s commitment to equality and diversity.
- A10. I will not use inappropriate language within the organisation environment.
- A11. I will not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency.
- A12. I will adhere at all times to the Club’s Communication Policy, especially with regards to electronic communications.
- A13. I will encourage my child to obey the rules and teach them that they can only do their best.
- A14. I will show appreciation and support my child and all the team members.
- A15. As a competitive Club, I will ensure that my child enters competitive events commensurate with their ability.
- A16. I will understand the aims and objectives of my child, which may not be just about attaining personal best times, and encourage them to achieve their objectives.
- A17. I will ensure my child’s needs are met in terms of nutrition and I will listen to advice given from the coach/nutritionist.
- A18. I will support the coaching staff and club officials appropriately and raise any concerns I may have in an appropriate manner to the relevant club official.
- A19. Most of all, I will help my child to enjoy the sport and to achieve to the best of their ability.

**B. General – Obligations of the Club**

- B1. The Club will inform you at once if your child becomes ill and will ensure their well-being until you are able to collect him/her.
- B2. In the event that your child's involvement in a training session or an event has to be terminating before the agreed time, your child will be kept poolside if you are unavailable.
- B3. The Club will ensure good child safeguarding guidelines are followed at all times to keep your child safe.
- B4. The Club will ensure all activities are properly supervised/taught/coached and that consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.
- B5. The Club accepts that you have the right to make a complaint to the organisation if you feel the Club or a member of the Club is not acting appropriately or in accordance with Swim England's codes of conduct and policies. Details of how to do this or shown on the Club's website or can be obtained from the Club's Welfare Officer.
- B6. The Club will seek to ensure that swimming is a positive experience that will benefit your child's physical and mental well-being.

I have read and understand my obligations as set out in this Code of Conduct:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_