

2. Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

Kilmarnock Amateur Swimming Club ("KASC") is committed to creating a positive environment for all participants.

It is expected, therefore, that parents should:

- Ensure that their child arrives to be ready five to ten minutes before the start of the session
- Ensure that the session is going ahead and drop the swimmer/s off at reception. This will involve entering the building and not just dropping off in the car park.
- Inform the coach personally, or via another adult, if their child is required to leave a training session early
- Arrive to collect swimmers ten minutes before the session is due to finish
- Advise the relevant squad coach in advance of non-attendance at training sessions or competitions

The Club's responsibility for swimmers ends at poolside when the session ends.

I also agree to:

- Consider the wellbeing and safety of swimmers before the development of performance.
- Promote respect of swimming opponents as well as for officials, fellow coaches and poolside personnel
- Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play).
- Encourage swimmers to value the performance and not just results. Do not ridicule or shout at a child for making mistakes or losing and race.
- Never consume alcohol immediately before or during training or events and never condone rule violations or use of prohibited substances.
- Display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance, dressing suitably and not using inappropriate language at any time whilst involved in club activities.
- Follow all guidelines laid down by the national governing body and the club.
- Do not shout or abuse officials. Most officials give their time and effort for your swimmers involvement.
- Do not shout or abuse coaches or volunteer staff. They give their time and effort to help your swimmers.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Never interrupt a coach or attempt to communicate to a swimmer during a training session. When needing to speak to a coach do so at an agreed convenient time where possible either before or after a training session unless in the event of an emergency.

I will always:

- Ensure that all swimmers fees are paid and up-to-date. Failure to ensure this will lead to the swimmers membership being reviewed.
- Discuss or email the Head Coach, in the first instance, any concerns about their child's performance, behaviour, or other issue and always Respect decisions made by coaches in relation to your child. If on occasion you don't understand a decision made about your child, email the Secretary (secretary@kasc.club)/ Head Coach (headcoach@kasc.club) to arrange a suitable time to discuss
- Raise concerns directly with the Head Coach if worrying or undesirable behaviour on the part of a swimmer (other than their own child) is observed. This should not be raised directly with the swimmer unless it is a minor act, e.g. running in the changing rooms, throwing water, rowdy behaviour
- Follow the Galleon Leisure Centre's policy of not reserving cubicles for athlete changing. It is the club's preference that parents refrain from entering the changing rooms during this time.
- Follow the club's handheld technology policy at all times.

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