

Parent/Guardian Code

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 and/or water polo. I will ensure my child's attendance at practice and meets/games.
- 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 respect the "field of play" at both meets and games. I will maintain self-control at all times and know my role.
- Practice and model good sportsmanship. I can accomplish this by congratulating other athletes 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 athletes 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 a OA 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, other swim meet officials, and game referees 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 Aquatics in exchange for the privilege of my child(ren) to participate in the activities and swimming/water polo program of the Oakdale Aquatics. Should I choose to disregard any of these rules, or conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to OA, USA Swimming, or USA Water Polo, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action that may include verbal warnings, suspensions, banishment from OA activities, or termination of membership with/without cause.