

Joe Flaherty's Dolphins Parent Code of Conduct

Joe Flaherty's Dolphins is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct.

To be a member of Joe Flaherty's Dolphins is a privilege and not a right. To be a member in good standing you must comply with the following code of conduct.

Preamble: The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character"(Arizona Sports Summit Accord).

By signing below I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by my actions, demonstrating positive support for all swimmers, coaches, and officials at every practice, and meet.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and others ahead of my desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to swim in a safe and healthy environment by maintaining a respectful and courteous attitude to others.
4. I will promptly inform my child's coach of any physical/mental disability or challenge affecting my child that may affect the safety of my child or others.
5. I will teach my child that doing his/her best is more important than winning.
6. I will do my best not to ridicule, bully, blame, or yell at my child or other swimmers, coaches, officials or volunteers in response to a poor performance or for any other reason.
7. I will do my best to make swimming fun at all times and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction.
8. I will teach my child to treat other swimmers, coaches, fans, volunteers, officials, and pool staff with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation or ability. I will also take action and report any acts of bullying, harassment or abuse to the appropriate authorities.
9. I will applaud any effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing positive accomplishments and learning from mistakes.
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts calmly and peacefully without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and others.
12. I will demand a swimming environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third-party any illegal drug prohibited by applicable federal, state, or municipal law.
13. I will not assist or condone any athlete's use of a banned substance as described by USA swimming and or International Olympic committee.
14. Parents will refrain from talking to coaches during practice and meets on the pool deck.

15. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from "side line" coaching my child or other swimmers.
16. I will respect the USA swimming rules and not attempt to go on the meet deck unless I am volunteering to work as a meet official or timer.
17. I will only use jfdmeets@gmail.com for any and all communications regarding meets and meet entries. I will refrain from contacting any and all PVS meet directors.
18. I will respect the decisions of officials, their authority and decisions during meets and teach my child to do the same.
19. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials. I will fulfill my responsibility to help my club with membership, special projects, and meets.
20. I will support and respect all swimmers and their right to participate.
21. I will educate myself and respect the JFD make up policy.
22. I will do my part as a time parent and volunteer as a timer or meet official for at least 25% of my child's meet participation.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____ Date _____