

KINGSGATE GATORS SWIM TEAM

PARENTAL AGREEMENT & CODE OF CONDUCT

- Each swimmer and each parent have different swim expectations which the coaches and board try to recognize. **If a swimmer has concerns, the swimmer must inform the coaches and request to speak to them about the issue. If a parent must become involved in these conversations, he or she must ask the coach for a time to communicate to the coach about the issue.** The coach will make the ultimate decision on when any conversation shall occur. Except in an emergency, parents are requested not to bring concerns to the coaches during a swim meet but instead to bring those concerns to a board member if the issue arises during the swim meet.
- **Absent unusual circumstances, all qualified swimmers and supervising parents are expected to sign up for and attend all meets, home and away.** Swimming is a team sport; the swim league is not a drop-in sport. Failure to show up or to sign up for a meet negatively impacts relay teams and heat placement and lets down fellow swimmers. In the Northwest, we can experience cold, wet weather and difficult traffic, and families must plan to persevere during some meets. We understand that significant events, such as graduations, illness, and family emergencies take place, and those events will be accommodated. If an emergency arises, parents can contact the Team Parent and let him or her know they cannot attend a meet. **Missing a meet is discouraged, but is not a code of conduct violation unless the swimmer is signed up for the meet and does not show up at the meet to swim.**
- Each family is required to fulfill all volunteer shifts each season. If a parent does not volunteer for the required number of shifts during the season, the family will not be given priority for registration the following season and all unfulfilled shifts will be added to the required number of shifts in the following season. **If a parent does not report for their volunteer shift for the entire duration of the shift or does not arrange for a substitute, the family will be assessed a \$50 fine. Their swimmer will not be allowed to swim in any meet until the fine is paid and that volunteer shift is fulfilled as soon as possible.** The fine does not replace the shift and the shift will need to be made up.
- **At least one parent or adult acting for a parent is expected to be present for each child at each meet, which** addresses the safety and good behavior of each swimmer. If a parent or guardian is unable to attend a meet, he or she must request another parent supervise his or her swimmer and advise the Team Parent via email who that parent supervisor will be. This requirement can be waived for swimmers who are 15 & Older, but their families are still required to fulfill their volunteer shifts.
- **Alcoholic beverages, marijuana, illegal drugs, smoking, or vaping of any kind by parents, swimmers, and observers is strictly prohibited at all Gator swim meets or events.** The Gator area is defined as the pool, pool house, parking lot and play area, park and play areas. Alcohol served at away meets by the host team is allowed, following the rules of the host club. At away meets, where alcohol is served, parents are expected to adhere to the host club rules.
- **No photos** are allowed behind the blocks, be mindful of swimmers privacy in this digital age.
- **Good sportsmanship is expected at all meets, from parents, swimmers and observers.** Any verbal, physical, or other confrontations with other swimmers, parents, observers, or coaches on any team will result in immediate discipline and potential removal from the team. If a problem occurs, the swimmer is expected to remove themselves from the situation and report to a parent or coach immediately. The parent or coach shall bring the issue to a board member immediately.
- Depending on the severity of the situation and per the parent handbook, **failure to follow this code of conduct will result in a warning to the family involved and/or removal from the team with no refund.** Failure to follow this code can also negatively impact future participation on the Gators Team, including but not limited to a loss of priority registration either as a homeowner or as a pool pass purchaser.

Swimmer Code of Conduct

It is expected that all swimmers read and agree to the Swimmer Code of Conduct.

- All athletes are required to gather on deck quickly and quietly prior to the start of practice.
- Athletes must be dressed and ready with all needed and appropriate equipment (i.e. suit, goggles, towels, and swim cap).
- Athletes must wait patiently and quietly on deck for their coach to start practice.
- All athletes must act responsibly and respectfully to coaches, staff, teammates and family members at all times.
- While on the premises athletes may not engage in any ball play, tag, or running that is not part of practice and/or under the direct supervision of their Coach.
- Athletes will not engage in any destructive behavior in or around the property. This includes, but may not be limited to, defacing property, damaging personal or pool owned items and inappropriate horse play.
- Athletes are to get ready for practice quickly and to exit the locker rooms quickly after practice has ended.
- Athletes waiting to be picked up after practice may wait on deck or in the lobby of the pool. No waiting will be allowed in the locker rooms or in the adjacent outside play area. Athletes waiting to be picked are still subject to code of conduct.
- All swimmers must be suited in appropriate swim attire for practices and in their current year team suit for meets.

No High School or year round competitive team logos are allowed on swim suits or caps during meets by Midlakes rules.

- Athletes will refrain from using profanity, having discussions of an inappropriate nature or any otherwise unacceptable behavior
- Athletes will behave in a courteous and respectful manner while at the Kingsgate facility, or any other facility for Gator events and meets.
- Use of the baby pool is not permitted at any time during practice, even if you are a homeowner or pool pass purchaser.
- While visiting other facilities for meets athletes are to behave in an appropriate, courteous and respectful manner just as they would at the Gator pool.
- Unless proper notice has been given, athletes are expected to show up for all meets and/or races especially those that affect other athletes.
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- Infractions of this swimmer code of conduct will be dealt with quickly.
- Minor infractions will result in verbal warnings. While major infractions will result in escalation of consequences. Below are the team guidelines for dealing with infractions. Infractions are handled by the coaching staff and Kingsgate Gator Board.

1ST OFFENSE – IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM ACTIVITY

2ND OFFENSE – IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM ACTIVITY PLUS 3 DAY SUSPENSION

3RD OFFENSE – MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE TEAM.

All participating parents are required to sign and date the parent code of conduct in order for their child(ren) to participate each season.

I acknowledge receiving this Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to it. I know that failure to do so may result in my family's removal from the team this year and the inability to rejoin the team in subsequent years.

Parent Signature

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