

OPST PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The OPST Code of Conduct reflects our core values, and it applies to all members, existing, pending or in consideration, including parents, swimmers, staff and other volunteers.

CORE VALUES

- Teaching proper stroke technique is incredibly important
- Exhibit honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship
- Individual encouragement from the leadership team
- Promote a wholesome, fun and enjoyable lifetime activity
- Individual progress is emphasized over championship qualification

PURPOSE

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to establish consistent expectations for behavior by parents. All OPST families must understand the important growth and developmental support that your swimmer's participation fosters. Families must also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff and directors with respect and the authority to coach the team and run the program. All parents/guardians must agree with the following statements upon swimmer enrollment:

- I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and always showing respect and common courtesy to the team members, coaches, directors, competitors, officials, parents, and all facilities.
- I will get involved by volunteering, cheering at meets, and talking with my child and their coach about their progress.
- I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during meets.
- I understand the Safe Sport Rules and will follow them. For example, I will not go behind the blocks except when timing and I will not take photographs from behind the blocks.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward coaches, directors, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmer will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials.
- I will respect the directives of coaches, understanding that any requests are in the best interest of swimmers.
- I will respect the directives of the Board of Directors, understanding that any requests are in the best interests of the swimmers and the organization as a whole.
- I will follow the OPST Grievance Policy to address inappropriate conduct or conduct that violates the OPST Code of Conduct.
- I will direct any other general coaching related questions first to the Head Coach; then, if not satisfied, to the Board of Directors in writing.