

**Curtis Park Swim Team, Inc - Seahawks**  
**Parent Code of Conduct**

The Curtis Park Swim Team, Inc - Seahawks is fortunate to have a great group of highly motivated coaches working to develop our children into better swimmers, and more importantly, teaching and instilling important life skills. These skills include time management, self-discipline, and sportsmanship. Your child will reap the benefits of swimming long after his/her participation with Curtis Park Seahawks ends.

As parents, it is absolutely essential that we give our coaching staff the respect and authority they deserve to run our swim team. Our coaches are hired for that purpose and the Board of Directors oversees the direction of the staff.

**Conduct Expected of All Parents**

- Set the right example for our children by showing respect and common courtesies at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and for all facilities and other property used during practice or competition.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship during all practices, competitions and team activities.
- Be an active participant in all fund raising events and other team activities and encourage and support your child by permitting them to be on time for practices and competitions.
- Recognize that Curtis Park Seahawks coaches are professionals and allow them to coach your child without interference during practice and meets. Parents must not be on the concrete area surrounding the pool during practice or competitions unless working in official volunteer capacity or observing their child swim their event/heat. It is vital that parents respect the deck restrictions during meets in order to facilitate efficient meet conduct and safety. During meets, please exit the concrete deck area as quickly as possible after your child finishes his/her event.
- If you have concerns, address it with a CPST, Inc. Board member.
- Insist that your child refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, drugs, other prohibited substances, violence, abusive or foul language, inappropriate sexual conduct, or any other behavior deemed dishonest, discourteous, offensive or disrespectful of others.

**Basic Responsibilities**

- Practice teamwork with all parents, swimmers, and coaches by supporting the values of Discipline, Loyalty, Commitment, and Hard Work.
- See that your swimmer is on time for practice and arrives on time for meet warm-ups.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Know your role. Swimmers – Swim / Coaches – Coach / Officials – Officiate / Parents – Parent
- Email coaches to discuss issues affecting your swimmer, practice or meets.
- Contact CPST, Inc Board to discuss issues with other swimmers, parents, officials or coaches.
- Do not coach your child at practice or during meets, that is the coach's job.
- Do not interrupt or confront the coaching staff on the pool deck during practice or meets.
- Trust and support your swimmer's and coach's decisions around goal-setting, training commitments, swim event entries, and meet schedules. Do not impose your ambitions on your child.
- Any questions about disqualifications, judging, etc should be directed to your swimmer's coach.
- Get involved....be an official, work on the board, help out - volunteer! Find something you enjoy and pitch in!
- Share the burden among parents by volunteering to help at our club-hosted meets, and be a timer at 'away' meets.

PARENTS should understand that violating any of these will put them at risk of expulsion from the team and forfeiture of any monies paid to date.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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