

DEKALB COUNTY SWIM TEAM

PARENT AND GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose. The DeKalb County Swim Team (DCST) is the competitive swimming program of the Kishwaukee Family YMCA. This Code identifies the conduct expected of parents and guardians so that swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers, families, and visiting teams may participate in a safe, respectful, and positive environment.

1. Incorporated Standards

Every DCST parent and guardian is subject to and agrees to comply with: (a) the [Kishwaukee Family YMCA Member Code of Conduct](#); and (b) Chapter 18, Standards of Conduct, Athlete Safety & Governing Rules, of the approved DCST Competitive Swimming Handbook. **Those documents are incorporated into this Code by reference as though stated here in full.**

This Code does not create a competing system of conduct rules. It confirms how the existing YMCA and DCST standards apply to parents and guardians in the competitive-swimming setting. If provisions conflict, the controlling YMCA policy or applicable governing-body rule governs.

2. Parent and Guardian Expectations

- Model sportsmanship, respect, and common courtesy toward swimmers, coaches, competitors, officials, volunteers, other families, facility staff, and all facilities.
- Respect the coaching staff's responsibility and authority to coach the team. Do not coach swimmers from the stands or pool deck during practices or meets.
- Do not engage in harassment, intimidation, threats, name-calling, abusive or discriminatory language or gestures, aggressive conduct, retaliation, or conduct that disrupts training, competition, team operations, or safety.
- Respect the judgment and integrity of officials and the work of meet volunteers. Concerns about officiating or meet operations must be raised through the appropriate coach, meet, or team channel rather than by confronting an official, volunteer, swimmer, or another family.
- Follow all applicable YMCA facility rules, DCST policies, meet rules, deck-access restrictions, safety instructions, and athlete-protection requirements, including MAAPP provisions governing interactions, communications, travel, locker rooms, and photography.
- Communicate questions and concerns respectfully and through the channels established in the DCST Handbook. Volunteer service and constructive participation in team activities are strongly encouraged but remain governed by DCST's separate volunteer policies.

3. Concerns, Reporting, and Corrective Action

Ordinary coaching, team-administration, billing, and facility concerns should be raised through the communication process in the DCST Handbook, ordinarily beginning with the appropriate coach or the Director of Competitive Swimming and then, when necessary, the appropriate YMCA supervisor. Safe Sport, abuse, harassment, grooming, retaliation, or other reportable athlete-safety concerns must be directed to the organization with jurisdiction, including USA Swimming or the U.S. Center for SafeSport, as applicable. Immediate danger should be reported to 911 or law enforcement.

Violations will be addressed under the Kishwaukee Family YMCA Member Code of Conduct, Chapter 18 of the DCST Handbook, and any controlling governing-body process. This Code creates no separate penalty schedule and does not replace any reporting obligation imposed by law or governing policy.

4. Acknowledgment

I acknowledge that I have received or been provided access to this Code, the Kishwaukee Family YMCA Member Code of Conduct, and the DCST Competitive Swimming Handbook. I understand and agree to comply with the standards applicable to my participation in DCST activities.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Swimmer(s): _____