

# **New Trier Swim Club**

## **Parent Pledge of Conduct**

Each parent or guardian must read and sign this NTSC Parent Pledge and return to the club prior to the start of practice. Once a parent has signed the Parent Pledge, the terms of the Parent Pledge will remain in force as long as that parent has a swimmer active with the club.

**I PLEDGE TO GET MY CHILD TO PRACTICE AND MEETS ON TIME.** I understand that being on time allows my child to fully participate and allows coaches and teammates to plan and execute practices and warm-ups.

**I PLEDGE TO POSITIVELY ENCOURAGE MY CHILD AFTER EACH PRACTICE OR MEET.** I understand that the top three reasons kids participate in sports are 1) to have fun, 2) to make new friends, and 3) to learn new skills.

**I PLEDGE TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR MY CHILD.** No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the sport including coaches, swimmers, opponents, opposing fans and officials. I understand that anyone can make a mistake and if an official makes a “bad” call against my swimmer, I will Honor the Sport and be silent.

**I PLEDGE TO REFRAIN FROM YELLING OUT INSTRUCTIONS TO MY CHILD.** I understand that this is the coach’s job. I understand that practices and meets are chaotic times for all involved and my communicating with my child during a practice will only hurt the coach’s ability to run an effective practice. I will limit my comments during a meet to encouraging my child and others involved in the meet.

**I PLEDGE TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING NEGATIVE COMMENTS ABOUT MY CHILD’S COACH IN MY CHILD’S PRESENCE.** I understand this plants a negative seed in my child’s head that can negatively influence my child’s motivation, behavior and overall experience.

**I WILL RESPECT THE COACHES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CLUB AT ALL TIMES.** I realize they have a difficult job and that their actions reflect their attempts to do what is in the best interests of the swimmers and the club. No matter how I feel about any coaching decision, including decisions related to group assignments, lane assignments, meet entries or other matters, and no matter how I feel about any decision made by a representative of the Club, under no circumstances will I in any way mistreat or confront a coach or representative of the Club in a verbally or physically inappropriate manner.

Communication is essential to the efficient operation of our Club. We encourage parents to get to know their Lead Coaches and to establish a constructive dialogue with them. If a conflict arises, however, we ask that you wait 24-hours before contacting your coach. We suggest you discuss any conflict in person or over the telephone rather than email. If you do not feel you want to discuss a matter directly with your Lead Coach, we ask you to consider contacting the Head Coach. If you feel that communications with the Lead Coach or Head Coach are not leading to a satisfactory results, we encourage you to contact the Club President.

**THE NEW TRIER SWIM CLUB VIEWS ANY VIOLATION OF THE PARENT PLEDGE AS A SERIOUS MATTER.** I acknowledge by signing this Pledge that any violations of the Pledge can be subject to sanctions by the Board of Directors, to be determined at the sole discretion of the Board. Such sanctions can include, among others, banishment from the stands at practices and meets and , in extreme circumstances, eventual ejection of the family from the Club.

*I will honor the NTSC Parent Pledge in my words and actions.*

1. Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_