



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

WCAY Marlins Swim Team Code of Conduct

The Marlins Swim Team coaching staff has high expectations for all swimmers. In order for swimmers to reach their potential, the pool, pool deck area, locker room, and any other programming area must be free of disruptive behavior. Swimmers must follow the team policies to create a TEAM atmosphere and to develop a disciplined approach to training. Maintaining good discipline within the program is also a community responsibility. Parents must be familiar with and supportive of Swim Team program standards. Violating practice or meet policies will result in disciplinary action.

Conduct during Team practice –

Swimmers will arrive on the pool deck 5 minutes prior to the start of their practice session. Swimmers arriving late, once the group is already in the water and warmed-up, are disruptive to the practice and are at greater risk of injury.

Swimmers will not wear suits with holes, rips, or tears. Swimmers may wear any suit or multiple suits to practice, **except the Marlins team suit**. It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that all boys wear a jammer style suit during workout.

Swimmers will not disrupt activity in any lane during practice in any manner. Swimmers who continue to be disruptive, after an initial warning from the coaching staff, will be asked to leave the practice and the pool area.

Swimmers using the West Chester Area YMCA aquatic facilities (recreational pool, diving well, competitive pool) before or after practice will follow all facility rules and guidelines. These include the wristband policy and adult supervision requirements. Swimmers who continue to behave inappropriately will be subject to the same consequences as all other swimmers in the facility.

While in the locker rooms, swimmers will show consideration and respect to each other and all YMCA members at all times. Horseplay, water play, shouting, excessively long showers, inappropriate language, and other disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Swimmers reported to have been participating in such activities will be suspended from team practice for a specified period of time and will issue a formal apology to the YMCA members.

Conduct at Meets –

Please remember that we are guests when swimming at other facilities. At both home and away meets, Swim Team swimmers represent the WCAY Marlins swim team and should comport themselves with dignity and respect for all.

All rostered WCAY swimmers are expected to compete in scheduled dual meets. Swimmers who cannot participate in a particular meet must inform the coaching staff by signing out of the meet by the Wednesday prior to the meet. Swimmers who repeatedly fail to report to scheduled meets without prior notice will be placed on inactive status for the following meet.

Swimmers are expected to compete in their WCAY Marlins team suit and caps.

Swimmers will not provoke, disrupt, or harass any other swimmer on the team or on other teams. Swimmers displaying unsportsmanlike conduct will be benched for the remainder of the meet.

Neither the YMCA nor the Coaching Staff will tolerate any profanity/misconduct while representing the Marlins swim team.

All meets are officiated by YMCA volunteers who have received training and certification for the purpose of officiating at competitive swimming events. These officials are the authority on the pool deck during the meet. The appropriate chain of command will be followed. Anyone with a complaint or issue should report the matter to the WCAY Marlins coaching staff. Any swimmer who is caught arguing with an official at any time will immediately be placed on suspension from the team for a specified period of time. Parents caught arguing with the officials will be asked to leave.

Repeated violations of the WCAY Marlins Swim Team code of conduct will result in escalating consequences. Ultimately, the swimmer’s membership may be suspended or cancelled, depending on the severity of the infraction.

I understand that, as a registered participant, I represent the WCAY Marlins Swim Team. I have read the WCAY Marlins Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it:



Swimmer’s name - print

Swimmer Signature

Parent Signature

Date: _____

Date: _____