RINGWOOD
SWIMMING CLUB

Code of Conduct for Parents

What we expect from Parents/Guardians where they are acting as a representative of, or in the environment of, the Ringwood Swimming Club when interacting with their own children, coaches, other participants and parents, officials and event organisers.

We expect RSC Parents will:

1. **Respect** the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals in dealings connected with the Club swimming environment.
2. **Be supportive** – Be there to help your child achieve their goals, not your own, and encourage them to participate for their own personal enjoyment and fulfilment
3. **Communicate** – Stay informed as to your swimmer's progress and training habits. Endeavour to keep open, honest and consistent communication between you, your swimmer and their coach. If you are unsure or uncomfortable, the club is there to support you. The sooner you reach out, the sooner we can help. Please be respectful to raise matters in an appropriate way, in line with Club policies and procedures
4. **Trust our guidance** – Trust and respect the process and decisions made regarding your child's development. Make sure the swimmers are receiving consistent information from both you and their coach.
5. **Model humility** – Celebrate your swimmer's successes with consideration for others. Not every swimmer is having a great day at the pool. Focus on more than just the finishing time. Everyone has different goals and ways of measuring success. Do not ever openly compare or criticize your child, other children or parents.
6. **Be involved** – Ringwood Swimming Club is a family-based club run by a group of volunteers that employ professional coaches. We need assistance and support with competitions and social events. Every parent is expected to be involved
7. **Encourage** your child to abide by the rules and accept judgments made by officials
8. **Courteous** - Refrain from any form of abuse, intimidation, harassment or discrimination towards any other parents, club members or staff.
9. Consider and **respect** all rules relating to facilities access, equipment and resources

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