



Vernon Hill Park District Turtles Swim Team Parent Code of Conduct

The purpose of a code of conduct for parents is to establish clear and consistent expectations for parental behavior.

As a parent or guardian, I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child's participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach the team. I agree with the following statements:

- I will set the right example for our children by demonstrating sportsmanship and showing respect and common courtesy to all team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and all facility personnel at all times.
- I will fulfill my team's volunteer obligations, observe practices, cheer at meets, and discuss my child's progress with their coach.
- I will refrain from coaching my child from the stands during practices or meets.
- I will stay off the pool deck during practices at all times unless approved by the Head Coach.
- I will not take pictures or videos of my child's practice without the approval of the Head Coach and the parents of all other members in the pool.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, using abusive language, or making gestures directed toward coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participant in swimming will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials.
- If I have concerns, I will direct them first to my child's Lead Coach, and if I am not satisfied, to the Head Coach.
- I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action.
- Communication via phone or text message with coaches during practice, meets, and/or outside the timeframe specified in the communication policies is deemed inappropriate. The primary source of communication with any coach other than the Head Coach should be via email



I understand the above expectations and that my failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action that may result in suspension, either temporary or permanent, from any and all programs, events, or activities offered or affiliated with the Turtles Swim Team, Vernon Hills Park District, Illinois Swimming, or USA Swimming.

Parents' Printed Name

Parents' Signature(s)

Date

If I have a swimmer currently registered with USA Swimming and the Vernon Hills Swim Team, then I, as the parent, agree to follow this policy.

If a parent(s) violates the Code of Conduct, the coaching staff will notify them. The Head Coach and the Vernon Hills Park District Athletics and Aquatics Supervisor will review each case. Depending on the severity of the infraction, they may recommend suspension from practices and meets for either the parent(s), the swimmer, or both (without a refund for the length of suspension), or termination from participation on VHST and any Vernon Hills Park District Programs.

In all cases, the Head Coach or a coaching staff member, Safe Sport Coordinator, or Vernon Hills Park District will communicate with the swimmer's parents regarding the infraction and penalty. A meeting with the Head Coach and the Vernon Hills Park District Athletics and Aquatics Supervisor may also be arranged. Such a meeting provides the opportunity for the Swimmer to present their case. The decision in that meeting is final with no recourse.