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# Blyth Lifeguard and Swimming Club

## Code of Conduct for parents/guardians

As a parent/guardian of a club member we understand you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
- Know how to access our club policies, rules, and procedures.
- Know who the Welfare Officer is and how to contact them.
- Know that any concerns about your child's welfare will be listened to and responded to.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child, where appropriate.
- Know the procedure should your child be involved in an accident or become injured.
- Provide your consent or otherwise for photography and trips away.
- Make a complaint to the club committee or a Welfare Officer (as appropriate).

As a parent/guardian of a club member we expect you to:

### Essentials

- Make sure your child has the right kit for training and competitions as well as enough food and drink.
- Ensure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly.
- Inform us if you're running late to collect your child or if your child is going home with someone else.
- Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes.
- Maintain a professional relationship with your child's coach or teacher.
- Tell us if you wish to talk to us about any concerns regarding your child. We will arrange a mutually convenient time so you can talk to us.
- Not enter poolside or interrupt training or competitions unless in an emergency.

### Behaviour

- Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in one of our sports, like making friends, getting exercise, and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.
- Behave positively as a spectator at training or competitions and treat others with respect.
- Respect and give encouragement to your child and tell them when they've done well and provide support when they are struggling.
- Respect and celebrate difference in our club or activity and not discriminate against anyone else on the grounds of gender, race, sexual orientation, faith, or ability.
- Respect the children and adults competing for other teams at competitions.
- Respect the committee members, coaching and teaching team and all volunteer helpers at the club.
- Understand that the use of abusive or inappropriate language, bullying, physical violence or any other behaviour which hurts others will not be tolerated by the club.

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- Understand that poor behaviour may result in the club taking disciplinary action against you. Any behaviour which alleges a criminal offence will be reported to police by the club.
- Talk to your child and ensure they understand the rules of the club and the sport.
- Ensure your child understands their Code of Conduct.
- Must not attend club actively whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs

**Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against you by the club committee. Continued issues and repeated breaches may result in parents/guardians being asked not to attend the club, something we never want to do.**

Blyth Lifeguard and Swimming Club follows guidance provided by Relevant Governing Bodies (RGB) Swim England, Royal Lifesaving Society (RLSS), Surf Lifesaving Great Britain (SLGB), Swim Teachers Association (STA) and The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NCPCC) in formulating our policies, regulations, and codes of conduct and in having robust procedures in place for when these are breached.

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