



ABBOTSFORD WHALERS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT



- I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one’s best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or event.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good players’ performance by both my child’s team and their opponents.
- I will never question the official’s judgment or honesty in public.
- I will respect the coaches by voicing my concerns in private. If I cannot resolve my concerns with the coach, I will speak with the appropriate Executive representative. This could be the Director of Water Polo, Director of Diving, or a member of the Coaches Committee.
- **I will respect coaches, all BCSSA members and officials by not making disparaging comments on any social media outlet.** If I do have any concerns, I will speak with an appropriate Executive representative.
- I will respect and show appreciation for volunteers who give their time to provide sport activities for my child. I will voice my concerns to the Executive rather than confront the volunteers.

The BC Summer Swimming Association (BCSSA), of which the Abbotsford Whalers is a member, has a harassment policy. The Abbotsford Whalers abide by and support this policy.

Harassment incidents will be treated seriously; all incidents must be reported to the Executive. Due consultation will be held with the families involved, the Whalers Executive, the Whalers Coaches, and if necessary the Regional Harassment Officer and the BCSSA. If a parent is found to have mistreated a Whalers’ swimmer, diver, water polo player, synchronized swimmer or coach, harassed competitors from another team, or harassed another parent, athlete, volunteer, coach, city staff, or BCSSA official (depending upon the severity of the incident) the parent at fault may be asked to provide a verbal apology or a written apology to be produced in a timely fashion. In extreme cases or in cases of multiple infractions, the family who has caused the harassment will face suspension of their membership or even expulsion from the club. No refund or fees will be granted.

I have read and shall abide by the Abbotsford Whalers Parent Code of Conduct.

Name of Athlete(s): _____

Print Parents/guardians name(s): _____

Signature of parent/guardian or athlete (if over 18): _____

Signature of parent/guardian or athlete (if over 18): _____

Date: _____