

# ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

## **Mission Statement**

*The Abbotsford Whaler Swim Club's primary responsibility is to provide a stepping-stone from which our athletes will grow to become well-adjusted young adults. We will endeavor to promote sportsmanship in a fun and enjoyable team atmosphere at every event and practice we attend. The club will strive to create competition, not between athletes, but rather within individuals, by focusing on personal achievement.*

## **Athlete Code**

The following covers the expected behavior, conduct and responsibilities of an Abbotsford Whaler Swim Club athlete:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all team members, fellow competitors, coaches, officials, executive members, parents and the public regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Good conduct is expected at all times when representing the Abbotsford Whalers Swim Club. Remember that you represent the club during practice, at swim meets and all other team functions.
- Promote positive team spirit, sportsmanship and morale, including being humble in victory and courageous in defeat.
- Follow the directions of the coaching staff during practice, at swim meets and all other team functions.
- Wear the designated team suit, white team cap, and other clothing at all swim meets.
- Private lessons are not encouraged unless they are approved or conducted by your coach.
- Honor the commitments that you have made to the team such as competing in all registered individual and relay events; meeting the practice attendance expectation and; arriving on time for practice and swim meet warm ups.
- Understand that you are a vital person to this team, not only through your physical abilities but also as a contributor in many other ways to the success and strength of the Abbotsford Whalers Swim Club.
- Have fun and participate for your own enjoyment and pleasure.

Failure to comply with the Athlete Code of Conduct may result in: reprimands; being sent home from practice or meets; being prohibited from participating in some or all team activities; being temporarily or permanently dismissed from the team; barred from competition or; other disciplinary action that is deemed necessary. The Head Coach and the Chairman of the Coaching Committee together will make the final decision in matters of discipline based on the degree of violation of the above code.

Your signature below indicates that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Abbotsford Whalers Swim Club Athlete Code of Conduct:

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Swimmer's Signature

Swimmer's Name

Date

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Parent(s) Signature(s)

Date