

Code of Conduct for Parents



Parents are expected to:

1. Complete and return the medical form as requested by the Club and detail any health concerns relevant to the child on the consent form. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions. Ensure the Club has up to date contact details for you and any alternative person.
2. Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/swim meets. Please inform a member of the committee or coaching staff if there is an unavoidable problem. Coaches often go straight on to coach another squad and cannot be responsible for your child if you are late or if there is no other adult present who is taking responsibility for them. Inform the coach before a session if your child is to be collected early from a coaching session/meet and if so by whom.
3. Parents/carers of all children under 8 years old must stay on the premises at all times during the session.
4. Do not enter poolside unless requested to do so or in an emergency. If you wish to speak to the coach about your child, please speak to them at the start or end of a session to arrange a suitable time. Do not interrupt the coaching session.
5. If the Club changes your child's lane, squad or times, please remember the change is to provide appropriate levels of training and enable your child to progress and should be facilitated and encouraged at all times.
6. Ensure your child is properly and adequately attired for the training session/events including all required equipment i.e. hats, goggles, water bottle etc.
7. Personal conduct of each parent and any personal contact that a parent may have, whilst at a training session with your own child or children and other children and coaches, must at all times be of a high standard and reflect favourably on the sport and the Club. The use of inappropriate or abusive language, bullying, harassment, discrimination or physical violence will not be tolerated and could result in action being taken through the Club disciplinary policy.
8. Ensure your child understands the Club Code of Conduct for swimmers and abides by the code.
9. As a parent/carer show good example and behave responsibly as a spectator at training/meets. Treat swimmers, coaches, committee members and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect, meeting the ASA commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. Do and say nothing that would bring the Club into disrepute.
10. Show appreciation and support your child and all the team members. Take an interest in your child's progress by watching training sessions and galas. Support your child by providing positive verbal feedback to your child after training and competition.
11. Ensure your child's needs are met in terms of nutritional and dietary needs and listen to advice given from the Club coach/nutritionist.
12. Support other swimmers in the Club by being positive about their achievements.
13. **BE POSITIVE.** Negative comments towards our swimmers and coaches has a detrimental effect and will not be tolerated
14. Support the Club coaches and committee members appropriately and raise any concerns you have in an appropriate manner. Details of the Club Welfare Officer can be found on the web site www.chalfontotters.org.uk
15. Keep payments of Club, ASA registration and session fees through your STO payments up to date.

16. Most of all help your child enjoy the sport and achieve to the best of their ability. Encourage your child to swim, never force them.

The Club will undertake to

- A. Inform you at once if your child is ill and ensure their wellbeing until you are able to collect him/her.
- B. Ensure good child protection guidelines are followed at all times to keep your child safe.
- C. Ensure all activities are properly supervised/taught/coached and consent is obtained for any activity outside of that previously agreed.
- D. Ensure that all coaches and committee members adhere to the ASA's Code of Ethics and treat all members with respect.

The parent has a right to

- A. Make a complaint to the Club if they feel the Club or a member of the Club is not acting in accordance with ASA/Club laws and rules. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the Club Welfare Officer or the Club's management committee.
- B. Make a complaint on behalf of their child to the ASA.

The Club will deal with any breach of this code of conduct. Please see the website, www.chalfontotters.org.uk, for breach of code procedures.

A copy of this code of conduct for parents is also available to view on line.

Name (please print) _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____.

Name (please print) _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____.

Please return the signed Code of Conduct for Parents agreement to:
Chalfont Otters Membership Secretary
Chalfont Otters Tray
Chalfont Leisure Centre