

## MAVERICK SWIM CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

The following are behavioral guidelines which will assist in maintaining the Mission Statement of the Maverick Swim Club. These guidelines will help facilitate a positive experience and image for all families that participate in the program.

### Parents and Swimmers Responsibilities:

- ◆ Parents should be positive and supportive when discussing performance with your swimmer.
- ◆ Parents should communicate questions, concerns or problems with coaches via email or by note.
- ◆ Parents are not allowed on pool deck during practices. Our coaches need to focus all their attention on the swimmers. If you need to speak with a coach please email the coach or send a note with your child. The coach will contact you by phone or after practice if time permits. Quiet observation of practice is welcomed, but please do not shout or otherwise distract your child during practice.
- ◆ Parents who are not working a meet are not allowed on the pool deck during a meet. This is a USS rule and it must be strictly enforced.
- ◆ Only coaches may approach officials for clarification of rulings. Swimmers and parents must respect official's decisions during meets and are not allowed to question them directly.
- ◆ Swimmers and parents should conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good sportsmanship. Respecting other swimmers, officials, coaches and the facilities we utilize for both practice and meets.
- ◆ Assist the coaching staff by being on time for practices with the proper equipment. If you are a member of a car pool, allow sufficient time to get all swimmers there on time.
- ◆ Swimmers should be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of practice.
- ◆ Swimmers must wear the Maverick Swim Club cap and suit at all meets. This makes it easier to identify the swimmers while on the blocks and in the water.
- ◆ Swimmers must see their coaches to discuss their performance after swimming an event at all meets. This enables the coach to give the swimmer necessary feedback in a timely manner
- ◆ Arrive on time for meets and be ready for warm-ups. Time is very limited and warm-ups are an important part of conditioning to achieve time drops. Failure to participate in warm-ups or being late for the meet could result in forfeiture of meet entry based on the coaches' interpretation of the circumstances.
- ◆ Check with the coaches at meets where relays are offered to determine if you have been entered in a relay. Swimmers that are entered in a relay and leave before the end of the meet will be charged the full cost of that relay. It is disappointing for teammates to have a relay "scratched" due to an insufficient number of swimmers.

- ◆ Remember that swimmers and parents represent the team and any behavior by an individual that is unsportsmanlike or negative detracts from the image of Maverick Swim Club. The following behaviors will not be tolerated and are classified as either a minor or major violation of the code of conduct:

- Minor Offenses:
  - Profanity, either by word or gesture, abusive language including the use of derogatory racial, ethnic and/or religious comments.
  - Horseplay or rowdy behavior during practices or at meets.
  - Abuse of facilities - littering or creating a mess in the locker rooms, hallways or on the pool deck.

Penalties for minor offenses range from a first time offense warning, to forfeiture of the swimmer's next scheduled event. Multiple and/or repeated violations will result in removal from the next meet and/or suspension from the team.

- Major Offenses:
  - Insubordination to a coach at any time during practice or a sanctioned meet.
  - Insubordination to any adult acting in an official capacity at a sanctioned meet.
  - Fighting
  - Theft
  - Intentional destruction of property (vandalism).
  - Jeopardizing the safety of oneself or other's.

Penalties for confirmed major offense violations shall range from forfeiture of the swimmer's next scheduled event to expulsion from the team.

- ◆ Please stay out of the way of high school swimmers when using their facilities – be courteous.
- ◆ No locks on lockers.
- ◆ The Maverick philosophy of “children first, swimmer second” should be promoted by everyone. All of our swimmers are important. Regardless of whether they came in first, last or in between, they deserve encouragement and support. Have a kind word for all swimmers including your own.
- ◆ All fees must be paid by the designated due dates. A late fee of \$10 per month will be assessed if payments are not made by the designated due date. Failure to make payments will prevent the swimmer from entering the water in both practice and meets. No swimmer will be allowed in the water after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month until their account is brought up to date. Any swimmer whose account is not current will not be entered into meets at the time of the delinquency.

## **MAVERICK SWIM CLUB**

### **2010-2011 WINTER SHORT COURSE PROGRAM**

#### **PROGRAM WAIVER, RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that, in signing to participate in this program, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you might sustain arising out of this program. The terms "I," "we," "me" and "my" also refer to parents or guardians as well as participants in this program. The term "Mavericks" includes Maverick Swim Club, its affiliated organizations and sponsors, coaches, managers, employees, officers, directors, agents, parent volunteers, and their heirs, successors and assigns.

As a participant in this program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury which might result not only from my own actions, inaction or negligence, but action, inaction or negligence of others, or the condition of the facilities or any equipment used and further, that there may be other unknown risks not reasonably foreseeable at this time, and I agree to assume the full risk of and accept personal responsibility for the damages following any such injuries, damages or loss which I may sustain as a result of participating, in any manner, in any and all activities connected with or associated with this program. I further recognize and acknowledge that all athletic activities involving strenuous exertion, potential body contact, and swimming and diving, are hazardous recreational activities and involve substantial risks of injury.

I agree to waive and relinquish any and all claims I may have as a result of participating in this program against Mavericks, and any other persons or entities, of whatever nature, that might be directly or indirectly liable for any injuries that I might sustain while participating in this program.

I release and discharge Mavericks from any and all claims for injuries, damage or loss which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in this program.

I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Mavericks from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages and losses sustained by anyone, and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with my conduct and the activities of this program, or any other Maverick related events.

I acknowledge that I have received a physical examination by a physician and have been found physically capable of participating in this program. I give my consent to have a coach, and/or doctor of medicine or dentistry or associated personnel to provide medical treatment and agree to be financially responsible for the cost of such assistance and/or treatment.

I also acknowledge that an unsigned copy of this agreement has been given to me. I have read this agreement and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this release and sign below voluntarily.

**PHOTO RELEASE:** Maverick Swim Club has permission to post photographs of our registered swimmer on the Maverick web site, provided my child's name shall not be shown in conjunction with any such photograph without my prior consent.

**MEDICAL RELEASE:** I hereby give my consent for emergency medical treatment for my registered swimmer.

**RETURNED CHECK FEE:** I understand and agree that I will be charged a \$25 fee for all checks returned for lack of sufficient funds.

**WORKER FEE CHARGES:** I have read and understand Maverick Swim Club's parent worker volunteer policy that is located with the registration materials on the Maverick Swim Club website and agree that I will be charged \$50 for each volunteer job that I fail to complete.

**PERMISSION TO AUTOMATICALLY PAY CHARGES:** I understand and agree that if any family-incurred fees are not paid within 15 calendar days after being posted to my account, Maverick Swim Club has permission to charge my credit card or e-check account for the total amount then due.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** I understand and agree that notice of intent to cancel/withdraw my swimmer's registration must be given in writing to Maverick Swim Club no later than August 31, 2010. All cancellations after registration and prior to September 1, 2010 are subject to a \$100 processing fee. No refunds will be granted for any cancellations received after August 31, 2010.