



CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS:
ATTENDANCE AT 'AWAY' COMPETITIONS, MEETS AND TRAINING CAMPS

PURPOSE

This document outlines Willoughby Swim Club's expectations of its swimmer members when attending 'away' competitions, meets or training camps involving travel and/or overnight accommodation. Its purpose is to promote the best possible individual, team and program responsibility that will support each participating swimmer to develop, compete and train at his or her full potential.

PART 1 – BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS

1. I acknowledge that I am representing Willoughby Swim Club while attending the competition, meet or training camp (and while travelling there and back) and that my actions and behaviour reflect directly on my club and fellow participants; and I will not behave in a way that brings discredit to either Willoughby Swim Club (WSC) or myself, including through any posts or comments I make on social media.
2. I acknowledge that my best behaviour is required and I will treat others (fellow participants as well as adults) in a sportsmanlike, courteous and respectful way, including in regard to the language I use generally and towards others.
3. I will behave in a way that is supportive and contributes to positive relationships and morale among my fellow participants, and will not behave in a way that detracts from a positive team environment.
4. On training camps, I will put my best efforts in to each training session so that I am a positive role model for my fellow participants.

PART 2 – GENERAL RULES

1. I will follow these behavioural expectations and code of conduct rules and I understand that any other WSC codes of conduct continue to apply.
2. I will attend all activities organised for the competition, meet or training camp.
3. I will exercise personal responsibility for my own belongings, and respect the belongings and property of others.
4. I will obey curfews set by the Coach or Team Manager.
5. I will not use electronic devices outside any times that might reasonably be set by the Team Manager or Coach and I will hand in electronic devices for any temporary period reasonably requested by the Team Manager or Coach.
6. I will wear team clothing during competition and at awards ceremonies, and in other situations as requested by the Coach or Team Manager.
7. I will be prepared and on time for any group travel, training sessions, competition, or other group activity.
8. I will remain with the WSC team and will not leave the area of any group activity without approval of the Coach or Team Manager (or other WSC representative on duty).
9. I understand that for meet competitions and training camps longer than two or three days, I may be permitted to visit a shopping area /movie theatre etc in small groups but only after consulting, and obtaining approval from, the Coach or Team Manager (or other WSC representative on duty).
10. I acknowledge that smoking or using alcohol is prohibited even if I am 18 years of age or more, and that possession or use of drugs (other than those prescribed for me by a doctor) is illegal and prohibited.
11. I acknowledge that I may be required to share a room or accommodation area and that sharing may only be with participant/s of the same sex; and I will not go into a bedroom, or remain in a bedroom, alone with a person of the opposite sex.
12. If I have any concerns or difficulties while sharing a room or accommodation area, I will raise these with the Coach or Team Manager.
13. I will advise the Team Manager (or other WSC representative on duty) if I cause any damage to property, or am involved in an activity causing damage to property.

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- 14. I acknowledge that any damage I cause to my room or other property, accidentally or otherwise, is my responsibility.

PART 3 – PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- 1. I acknowledge that in order for my child to attend the competition, meet or training camp and return home, and/or during the period that my child is away, he or she may require transportation together with some or all team members, the Coach, Team Manager or WSC representative/s on duty, including so as to attend team social excursions, and I agree to my child being transported as arranged by WSC in any of: a bus with driver, self-drive bus, hired or private motor vehicle, or taxi.
2. I will support decisions made by the Coach and/or Team Manager or WSC representative/s on duty.
3. I will ensure my child has adequate funds to cover any miscellaneous personal expenses (such as snacks, movie attendance, etc).
4. I will provide a signed Medical Release form and my child’s Medicare number, and private health/ambulance insurance details (where applicable) to the Team Manager before my child travels.
5. I acknowledge that I am, personally, financially and legally responsible for any damage incurred by my child accidentally or otherwise while attending the competition, meet or training camp.
6. I acknowledge that I am, personally, financially and legally responsible for any extra costs incurred if my child is sent home under disciplinary action taken under Part 4.

PART 4 – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 1. If a participant infringes these code of conduct rules or behavioural expectations, disciplinary action may be taken.
2. Where WSC organises/runs support arrangements for competitions/meets away, or organises/runs training camps away, the Coach and Team Manager will consult on disciplinary action appropriate in the circumstances.
3. The Coach has the final decision on disciplinary action to be taken.
4. Disciplinary action could, for example, include any or some of the following:
- Withdrawal from a particular race, or all further races, while away
- Exclusion from WSC relay teams while away, or for a future time period
- Exclusion from any or all excursions/activities of the meet or camp
- If at a training camp, exclusion from a specified number of training sessions
- Exclusion from participating in a future ‘away’ meet or camp
- An apology, written or otherwise, to any person/s affected.
5. Disciplinary action may extend to a participant being sent home immediately at his or her own expense, and where this incurs extra expense it will be the financial responsibility of participant/parent/guardian. Where a participant is unable to travel home alone, then his or her parent or guardian will be required to travel, at their own expense, to collect their child.

I have read and understood this Code of Conduct and Behavioural Expectations and agree to abide by it.

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Participant Swimmer Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Swimmer Name (please print)

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date: / /

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