






## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six" pillars of character.

1. I will not force my child to participate in the sport of Synchronized Swimming.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun, and to develop life building skills. The sport is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform The Southern Nevada Desert Mermaids of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules and policies of the sport.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, athlete, parent, or staff member such as taunting or using profane language and gestures.
6. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for all athletes.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will demand that my child treat other athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. I will respect the officials and their authority during competitions/practice and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the competitions/practices, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed time and place.
11. I will support a drug and alcohol free environment and I will refrain from their use at all competitions.
12. I will refrain from coaching my child or other athletes during competition or practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. I will respect the coaches and athletes practice space by remaining off the deck.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to:

-  Verbal warning by coach, official, or the facility staff member
-  Parental competition/practice suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by The Southern Nevada Desert Mermaids.
-  Parental banishment from the facility or competition for a determined period of time.

I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent Code of Conduct Agreement. Further, my failure to comply with this agreement or my participation in any of the defined conduct will result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the Southern Nevada Desert Mermaids.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_