



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**BRAD AKINS YMCA BARRACUDAS PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

*YMCA Mission: "To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all."*

Parents,

Please keep in mind the following code of conduct is in accordance with recommendations made by USA Swimming and the American Swim Coaches Association. Ultimately, the goal of such a code is to ensure a positive environment for the development of your swimmer(s). In addition, our intentions are not only to ensure a swimmer's individual development but also to promote a positive and encouraging team atmosphere.

**We as an organization highly encourage the following parental behavior:**

- Open communication between parents, athletes, and coaches emphasizing goal setting and focusing on the performance expectations of the athlete
- Positive reinforcement of all athletes in all situations; team spirit, team loyalty.
- Parental participation in organizing and running competitions and other team events.

**As a parent of the YMCA Barracudas swim team, I am expected to understand the following and conduct myself accordingly:**

1. I represent the Barracudas and the Brad Akins YMCA during any meets or practices, home or away.
2. Any behavior – including abusive language and/or gestures, racially insensitive remarks, and damage to property or belongings – directed toward the coaches, officials and/or any participating swimmer that reflects poorly on myself, the Brad Akins YMCA, and/or the Barracudas is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
3. If I have a concern, I will talk to the coach at the appropriate time and place and never directly before, during, or after a meet.
4. During competitions, questions or concerns regarding decisions made by meet officials are directed to a member of our coaching staff. Parents address officials via the coaching staff only.
5. These rule apply at all times when at meets and/or practices, on the pool deck, and in the locker rooms or any other associated facilities.

**SANCTIONS:**

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to the Barracudas or the Brad Akins YMCA, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action. The Brad Akins YMCA maintains the right to terminate any registration with/without cause in the interest of our vision, mission, and objectives.

The Barracuda coaching staff will deal with unacceptable conduct at their sole discretion, imposing warnings, suspension or expulsion as they deem appropriate. **Any suspension or expulsion from the team based on violations of the code of conduct will not be accompanied by any refunds.**

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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