

North Dorset Turbos Swimmers' Behaviour Policy

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This behaviour policy is not meant as a statement of punishment but as a way to help ensure that the swimming experience is enjoyed by everyone.

Inappropriate Behaviour

Disrespectful language, dangerous and destructive behaviour will not be tolerated. All Coaches and Teachers have the authority to remove any swimmer who engages in these behaviours and repeated incidences will result in expulsion from the swim team.

Inappropriate behaviour includes, but is not limited to:

- Swimmers who repeatedly do not obey the Coaches' instructions and/or consistently disrupt others during training.
- Disruptive behaviour during training.
- Horseplay, fighting, pushing others into the water.
- Entering the water before or after practice times.
- Smoking, consumption of alcoholic beverages, chewing tobacco, or taking drugs.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct at training or during swim meets.
- Inappropriate conduct at training or during swim meets.
- Any behaviour that may cause harm to others.
- Destructive behaviour including throwing equipment.

Consequences

- **First Offense:** a warning will be given and the swimmer might be asked to leave the training session. Their parents will be notified and the Head Coach informed.
- **Second Offense:** the swimmer will be dismissed from training, and the parents will be notified. A meeting will be held with the Coaches, Teachers and Committee to discuss the offense. Parents of the offender will be asked for assistance in correcting the behaviour. The swimmer will not be able to return to training until the meeting has taken place.
- **Third Offense:** suspension or expulsion from the Club at the Coaches' discretion, and the parents will be notified.