



Village of Algonquin & Trails Swim Team Code of Conduct for the 2010 Season

Swimmer's Name: _____

General Information

- The Village of Algonquin and the Trails Swim Team both have liaisons to help consolidate the communication between each organization. Please speak directly with your agency's liaison with any questions and/or concerns.
- If weather looks questionable or is inclement, practice may be cancelled or delayed, the Trail Swim Team phone tree will be used.
DO NOT CALL THE SWIMMING POOL.

Village of Algonquin Pool Guidelines

Participants and spectators of participants are expected to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times, as well as respect the posted pool rules and general guidelines for the Lions-Armstrong Memorial Swimming Pool & Splashpad. The following guidelines have been developed to ensure all swimmers and spectators are able to safely enjoy the facility.

- Prior to entering the swimming pool and deck areas, all participants and spectators will remove their shoes.
- All swimmers 8 years of age or younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult 16 years of age or older at all times. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for supervising their children. Lifeguards are on duty to enforce rules and respond in case of emergency.
- Proper bathing attire is required in the swimming pool.
- Participants should apply sunscreen 30 minutes prior to entering the swimming pool. Sunscreen is not as effective when applied right before entering the swimming pool.
- All hair that is shoulder length or longer shall be tied back with a hair band or covered with a swim cap.
- All equipment is to be stored in a locker or on the deck. No items shall be left on the floor in the locker room.
- The Village of Algonquin and the Trails Swim Team are not responsible for any lost or stolen goods.
- All swimmers must take a shower before entering the swimming pool.
- Running on the deck is not permitted.
- Outside food and drink are not permitted in the pool, on the deck, or in the concessions area with the exception of bottled water. Outside food and/or drinks may be consumed outside of the facility. Food purchased from the concession stand may be consumed in the concessions area only. Bottled water may be consumed and stored by the deck chairs or in the concessions area. Drinking of or storage of water bottles on the side of the pool or in the pool is not permitted.
- Spitting, spouting of water and blowing nose in the water is not permitted.
- Spectators are to stay within the areas outlined by the Village and the Trails Swim Team. Spectators shall not interfere with the coaching of their child during practice and/or meet times.
- Smoking is not permitted in or within 15 feet of the entrance to the facility.
- Inappropriate behavior, swearing, weapons, and/or abusive language will not be tolerated. Any displays of these types of behavior may result in a swimmer or spectator from being removed from the facility.
- Swimmers shall not hang on the lap lanes.
- Swimmers shall not leave garbage or debris behind.
- Swimmers and spectators will abide by all federal, state, and local laws.
- Additional guidelines may be added as deemed necessary.
- All other local, state, and federal laws are to be obeyed.



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Trails of Algonquin Good Sportsmanship Policy for Participants, Coaches, & Spectators

The Trails Swim Team is designed to accommodate and encourage equal participation and opportunity for all, while providing an instructional experience in a safe environment. In an effort to provide such, it is imperative for all participants, coaches, and spectators to demonstrate positive behaviors during all practices, meets, and events of the Trails Swim Team. We ask that all participants, coaches, and spectators demonstrate the following:

- *Be on-time and present for all practices, warm-ups, meets, and other team activities, unless the swimmer's coach was previously notified. In the spirit of team unity, check the box below indicating that you will strive to attend all:*

Home Meets

Away Meets

Conference Meets

- *Follow the directions of the coaching staff during practice, meets, and other team activities.*
- *Display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, and administrators, fellow competitors, parents, and the public for both home and away meets.*
- *Promote positive team spirit and morale, which includes being humble in victory and courageous in defeat. Deal justly, kindly, impartially, and intelligently with all fellow team members. Cheer on and encourage your teammates, especially the younger swimmers and new team members.*
- *Refrain from all illegal or inappropriate behaviors that would detract from a positive image of the team or be detrimental to its performance objectives.*
- *Not possess, sell, or use alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, or any non-prescribed drugs. This behavior is not tolerated.*
- *Not remove or take any article that does not belong to them, such as clothing, jewelry, or money.*
- *Respect the property of the Algonquin Swimming Pool and any other facility the team may visit or use. No swimmer shall tamper with or cause damage to any such facility.*

It is especially critical for parents and/or spectators to promote healthy participation and sportsmanship. Positive verbal praise and correction is the best gift of motivation you can give to your participant. Avoid using negative statements or bribes as encouragement. Likewise, overzealous parents and/or spectators that are detrimental or embarrassing to our team will not be tolerated. Parents and/or spectators who have questions and/or concerns shall express them directly with the Head Coach at a time that is appropriate and does not interfere with practice and/or meet time.

Acknowledgement

Your signature of the document constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with the Trails Swim Team and the Village of Algonquin Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in, but not necessarily be limited to:

- *Swimmers and/or spectators will not be allowed to participate in some or all team activities.*
- *Swimmers and/or spectators will immediately be sent home.*
- *Swimmer and/or spectators will be temporarily or permanently dismissed from the team without refund for team and/or entry fees.*
- *Swimmers will be disqualified from one or more events.*

Additional information on the escalation of consequences is contained in the Trails Swim Team Handbook.

The Head Coach and the Swim Team Board will make the final decision in matters of discipline or dismissal based on the degree of violation of the above code by the swimmer or parent (s).

Participant's Signature

Parent's Signature