

## Team Away Gala: Code of conduct, rules and consent

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are delighted your child(ren) has been selected to represent the club at an away team gala. Of course, these events involve your children potentially travelling with the club to and from the event, as well as the usual considerations at the venue during the event. The health, safety and welfare of all our swimmers is the top priority in everything we do at Exmouth Swimming Club. For our younger swimmers this is achieved in partnership with you. In the interest of reducing volunteers' time in planning these events and to reduce correspondence for you, this document contains all the aspects around expected conduct, rules and the consents we require. Please read carefully and initiate any actions required before electronically signing your agreement.

If you, or a designated responsible adult, is travelling with your child(ren), even if using the club transport, then we assume they are under your care until they enter the swimming venue and join their designated team manager.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of ensuring the club has up-to-date emergency contact details and medical information as this will be utilised by the trip leader. Updates can be made via email: [membership@exmouthswimming.org](mailto:membership@exmouthswimming.org)

Do please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

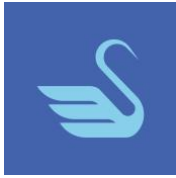
## Guidance, Rules and Consent

### Code of conduct agreement

We hope that every child has a fantastic experience as part of the club team and that as well as the swimming itself, the trip provides lots of opportunities to socialise and have fun. We have been delighted and proud of the behaviour of all our team at recent events, but to ensure this continues, we do ask our members to remind themselves of the guidance and rules set out below.

### Guidance & Rules

- Children should be dressed in suitable clothing for the swimming event (club kit if they have it please), but also for the journey to and from the venue (having been inside a hot pool it will be much colder outside so warm clothing / layers are recommended) – please check with swimming coach if you are unsure what this entails.



- Children should follow the timings set out by swimming club volunteers coordinating the trip, follow instructions given, arrive punctually to meeting points and always inform and gain approval from their Team Manager if they have to move away from the group.
- Children are expected to behave appropriately throughout the trip, as detailed in the Rules of Exmouth Swimming Club, the Club's codes of conduct, and the ASA's code of conduct, policies, procedures, rules, laws and regulations.
- Children may bring mobile devices with them, but these remain the responsibility of the child and the club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. Children are reminded all devices need to be used responsibly on trips and content needs to be suitable for not only their age, but the age of any other team members whom they may be sharing it with.
- Children may wish to bring their own money to purchase additional food and drink, but we would advise this is kept to a sensible level. Team managers will not police or be responsible for purchases made, this remains the decision of the child based on what has been agreed with their parent / guardian.
- Children may also wish to bring snacks and drinks with them (they should have had any lunch before joining the trip). Certainly, all competitors should bring a water bottle which they will be able to refill at the venue, if required. Due to the risk of allergies, we would not recommend food sharing. Children, if travelling unaccompanied by a parent / guardian, also need to be aware of their own dietary restrictions and follow these. Again, Team Managers will not be able to supervise this aspect of your child's wellbeing.

Ultimately, children should be mindful of the fact that they are representatives of Exmouth Swimming Club whilst on the trip and should act accordingly. Failure to comply with the behaviour rules could result in sanctions being imposed with regards future participation in similar events, in line with Exmouth Swimming Club's Discipline Policy.

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