

Waltham Forest Diving Club Code of Conduct for Parents

- Encourage your child to dive, never force them.
- Ensure your child is on the poolside or at dryland training on time.
- Ensure that you or another adult nominated by you are there on time at the end of the session to pick up your child. The Club is unable to act as a babysitting service or to supervise the changing areas. Coaches often go straight on to coach another session and cannot be responsible for your child if you are late or if there is no other adult present who is taking responsibility for them. Parents/guardians of all children under 8yrs old must stay on the premises at all times during the session. If you leave an older child you will be responsible for collecting them, please inform the Coach and ensure that you have left your contact details with another parent of a diver in the same session before you leave. You must also inform that parent if you cannot be back before the end of the session. The Club accepts it has a duty of care to look after an unattended diver in unforeseen circumstances but should this be repeated or regular, necessary action would need to be taken.
- Ensure that the Club has up to date contact (including emergency contact) numbers for you.
- Inform the Coach before training of any illness/injury your child may have.
- Do not interrupt the Coach while coaching unless asked to do so or in an emergency. If you wish to speak to the coach about your child, please speak to them at the start of a session to arrange a suitable time.
- In your dealings with your child's Coach, treat the Coach with respect and in the same manner as you would wish to be treated.
- Focus on your child's efforts rather than winning or losing.
- Provide positive verbal feedback after training and competition.
- Be realistic about your child's ability; do not push them beyond that which they are capable of achieving.
- Take an interest in your child's progress by watching training sessions and competitions.
- Show appreciation of good diving by all divers from all clubs.
- Respect decisions made by coaches and officials and encourage divers to do the same.
- Keep payments of Club, ASA registration and entry fees up to date.
- Bullying in any form (whether that be Emotional (which includes Excluding), Physical, Racist, Sexual, Homophobic and Verbal (including written telephonic and electronic communications (including (without limitation) on Facebook, Twitter or other "Social Media"), but not limited to these), will not be tolerated.
- Do not ask Coaches to give you or your child a lift to and/or from training or any competitions or away trips. Lifts by Coaches will only be permitted with the consent of the Committee or in medical or other emergency.

Breaches of the Code for divers will be dealt with in the first instance by the Coach. This may include a verbal warning followed by sitting out for a 'time out'. The Coach may also require the diver to get dressed and sit back on poolside if a parent or other responsible adult is not present. If the Coach considers the breach (or breaches) merits this, the Coach will report the incident to the secretary of the Club's management committee.

Breaches of the Code for Parents by parents will normally be reported to the secretary of the Club's management committee and dealt with in accordance with ASA guidelines.

Sanctions for breach of any Code may include a verbal or written warning or suspension from Club activities. The Club also has the right under its constitution to suspend or expel a diver for breaches by the relevant parent of the Code for Parents.