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## PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS CARROLLTON AQUA RACERS

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The Carrollton Aqua Racers (CARS) program is a non-profit, volunteer-staffed organization that offers recreational swimming instruction for the youth in our community. The CARS program strives to provide a safe, enjoyable environment in which our participants can maintain physical fitness through swimming. Swimmers also have the opportunity for team and individual competition through circuit, regional and state meets.

The role of parents is critical to the success of the CARS program, both through volunteer service and positive behavior. By participating in the CARS program, parents agree to abide by the following code of conduct:

- Fulfill your volunteer obligation willingly, knowing that the effort you put forth will directly impact your child's CARS experience.
- Keep in mind that CARS is a recreational sports program with an emphasis on developing swimming skills and having fun. Although competition is a routine aspect of sports activities, do not make winning the primary goal for you or your child.
- Support your child and his/her team in a positive manner. Cheer *for* your child and his/her team, *not against* the opposing swimmer or team. Offensive language and profanity is prohibited during CARS events.
- Always show respect for coaches, officials, volunteer workers, swimmers and other parents/fans.
- Leave the coaching to the coaches. Please remain seated in the designated spectator areas during practices and meets and do not distract the coaches or your child while swimming.
- If you desire to discuss a coaching issue regarding your child, please approach the head coach only between practice sessions. Because practice sessions are scheduled with no intermission, an appointment with the head coach before or after practice may be required for a discussion with the coach.
- Swimmers that have registered for any relay should be present 20 minutes prior to heating. Any swimmer that is not present prior to heating of the relay may be replaced at the discretion of a coach.
- The head coach will assemble relay teams for regional and state meets. The assembly of relay teams will be based on swimmers' times and coach's discretion. The coach's decision should be honored by swimmers and parents.
- Follow the regulations set forth at all swim facilities. Assume all swim facilities to be tobacco-free zones. No alcohol may be consumed on swim facility premises. Pets are generally not allowed in the pool areas.
- Children that are not participating at swim practices or meets must be supervised at all times. Wet surfaces in the pool area can be dangerous. Be proactive with your child's safety.
- Annual registration fees shall be paid before a swimmer participates in practices and meets. Fees for swimwear, swim gear, t-shirts and promotional items shall be paid prior to or at the time of receipt.
- Suggestions or comments regarding the program may be addressed with a CARS board member. Board members are listed on the CARS website. The CARS board is always seeking ways to improve the swim program, and creative ideas are always welcome. If you have constructive criticism regarding the CARS program, please also offer a possible solution for the issue.

The CARS program fosters a family atmosphere and expects excellence in behavior at swim practices and meets. In the event that prohibited behavior by an individual warrants inquiry as determined by designated board members, a meeting may be scheduled between the involved individual and designated board members in an effort to resolve the issue. Probation or suspension from the CARS program may be considered for an individual if the offense is significant.