

## Hillside Piranhas Code of Conduct: Parents

The purpose of a **Code of Conduct for Parents** is to establish consistent expectations for parent behavior and to promote a healthy experience and environment for all during their tenure with Hillside Piranhas.

***\*As a parent/guardian, I understand the important growth and developmental support that my child's participation fosters. I also understand that it is essential to provide the coaching staff with respect and the authority to coach my swimmer and the team. I agree with the following statements:***

- I will demonstrate sportsmanship by showing respect and common courtesy, at all times, to my swimmer, the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, and fellow parents, at all swim venues.
- I will get involved by volunteering.
- I will refrain from coaching my child.
- I understand that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward my swimmer, coaches, officials, volunteers, and/or any participating swimmers will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the integrity of the officials and volunteers.
- I will direct my concerns, via the team email, and be a positive presence in the bleachers, on the deck, and at all swim venues.

### Electronic Communication Policy of Hillside Piranhas

All communications between coaches, parents, and/or athletes must be professional in nature and for the purpose of communicating information about the athlete and team activities through the [Hillsideswimteam.com](http://Hillsideswimteam.com) website. This transparent avenue will ensure support and clarity for all. These expectations adhere to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct regarding Athlete Protection.

**No electronic communication should contain or relate to any of the following:**

*\*drugs or alcohol use*

*\*sexually oriented conversation; sexually explicit language; sexual activity*

*\*the adult's personal life*

*\*inappropriate or sexually explicit pictures*

*\*mention of another team or swimmers in a negative manner.*

*\*Use of auditory/visual recording devices, including cellphone camera, are not allowed in changing areas, restrooms or locker rooms at any swimming venue or team function.*

**SOCIAL MEDIA SITES** - Hillside Coaches may have a personal Facebook (or other social media site) pages, but they are not permitted to have any athlete member of Hillside Piranhas join their personal page as a "friend."

\*Coaches and athletes are not permitted to "private message" "direct message" each other through Facebook, Twitter, etc..

\*TOPS has an official Facebook page, which is monitored by the coaches and the board. Athletes, and their parents, can "friend" the TOPS Swimming Facebook page for information and updates on team-related matters.

### TEXTING

Texting is to be utilized only to communicate information directly related to team activities or his/her athlete. It is not an avenue to express grievances.

### REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE ALL ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The parents/guardians of an athlete may request, in writing, that their child not be contacted by coaches through any form of electronic communication. This request is to be made through email via the [hillsideswimteam.com](http://hillsideswimteam.com) website.

***I understand the above expectations. Failure to adhere to them may result in disciplinary action determined by Coach Bill and the Hillside Piranhas Swim Team Board.***

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_