



MANDURAH SWIMMING CLUB

MSC POLICY 01

POOL DECK BEHAVIOUR POLICY – PARENTS

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DATE	NAME	CHANGE	APPROVE/REVISION
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1. INTENT

The purpose of this policy is to assist Swimmers, Coaches and Parents whilst on pool deck. These rules are simple and necessary to provide an environment, which will promote the development of successful swimmers included in a well organised and successful program.

2. POLICY

2.1 Expectations of Parents

It is the Coach's job to develop each child to their full potential, for this reason we ask, Let the Coach, coach.

We believe as a parent and together with the Club you have entrusted your child in the care of the Coach. As courtesy and respect to all our Coaches we request that Parents or Guardians:

- Please do not approach the Coach on pool deck regarding your child during training.
- Whilst the Coach is on pool deck, please refrain from making contact with the Coach or your Child.



- Parents are recommended to sit out of eye contact with their children, as the child will often modify their behaviour because of the parent's presence. They also become distracted from the tasks they are being set by the Coach.
- It is essential your Child is solely focusing on the Coach's instructions and should not receive instructions by a parent/spectator on pool deck.
- Parents, at competition swimmers are asked to speak to their squad Coach before and after their races.

The Coaches welcome feedback and should you have any concerns please discuss this with your child's Coach briefly at the commencement of training but preferably at the end of the training session, so it does not interfere with the commencement of the training session.

Any issue of concern to be addressed directly to the person involved or the President at President@mandurahswimmingclub.com.au. On pool deck hearsay will only create an unhealthy environment which will indirectly affect the swimmers.

2.2 Notice

These rules are simple and necessary to provide an environment, which will promote the development of successful swimmers included in a well organised and successful program. The Club does not foresee On Pool Deck Behaviour to be an issue; however, should circumstances where parents are not adhering to this Policy, this may result with the Club refusing the parents to be present on pool deck whilst the child is training.