

## **SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

Falkirk Otter ASC is dedicated to nurturing the enjoyment and enthusiasm of every child within our sport, through a safe, enjoyable environment, recognising that children participate for fun and encouraging all of our athletes/teams to do well, BUT not at all costs. It is important that children participate in the right spirit and in a supportive atmosphere, which allows them to swim to the best of their abilities.

In order to achieve this result we rely heavily on spectators to give their support in the right way. Therefore, all club events both in and out of the pool are covered by this code of conduct and we require all spectators to abide by it.

### **Positive Supporters:**

1. Encourage all members of the club by applauding their effort
2. Show understanding when swimmers make mistakes or if they don't win/PB
3. Be positive. Discuss performances in a constructive manner at an appropriate time, focus on things the athlete did well. Don't dwell on mistakes
4. Abide by Scottish Swimming Acceptable use of mobile phone policy and Social Media Guidelines
5. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
6. Applaud other swimmers and teams for their efforts, not just your own
7. Respect other swimmers, coaches, volunteers and spectators and make them feel welcome
8. Behave responsibly and do not use inappropriate language or behaviour whilst attending, involved in or spectating at any and all swimming activities; whether national or club level. Treat swimmers, coaches, club volunteers, officials and parents of yours and other clubs with due respect.

Where a spectator is a member of the Club / Scottish Swimming any breaches of the Spectators Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the clubs/Scottish Swimming's disciplinary procedures.

If the spectator is not a member of the Club / Scottish Swimming any breaches of the Spectator Code of Conduct will result in removal from the event / a ban for future events.