



## YMCA CAPE COD MAKO SWIM TEAM HONOR CODE 2013-2014 SEASON

Parents and swimmers shall practice teamwork by supporting the values of Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Honesty. The following Honor Code is in effect throughout the year. Anyone who, in the opinion of the coach or coaches, acts in a manner that would interfere with the objectives listed below will be asked to leave immediately (at the expense of the parent and/or swimmer). Other consequences include removal from future meets, other competitions, and/or dismissal from the team.

1. All team members are expected to maintain a current (annual) YMCA membership and be responsible for fees associated with the team. Group fees, parent activity fees, USA Swimming fees and meet entry fees must be paid on or before the due date. If any fees, including meet entry fees, are not paid then the swimmer(s) will not be able to participate until payment is made. Alternative payment arrangements can be made with the Head Coach if needed. New swimmers to Mako Swim Team may participate for a maximum of two weeks prior to payment of the registration fees.
2. Should a swimmer decide to discontinue participation in the program with the Mako Swim Team, the dues for the portion of which he/she swims and any outstanding entry fees are considered an obligation to the Mako Swim Team, and are payable upon termination of participation.
3. All swimmers, who are members of the Mako Swim Team, are required to participate in a minimum of 3 YMCA meets in addition to the Blue/White meet and the SENECEY Championships, as well as at their highest level of achievement in championship meets (including relays). Swimmers who fail to participate in 3 meets will not be allowed to continue with the team. No refunds will be made if a swimmer does not meet these requirements.
4. Each parent and swimmer is responsible for reading and understanding the contents of the Mako Swim Team Handbook.
5. Parents and swimmers are expected to encourage and support all members of the MAKO Swim Team. Negative attitudes and immature behavior are not acceptable. The image of the MAKO Swim Team is in your hands. We are striving to promote an excellent environment for all swimmers to achieve their goals and grow into outstanding young adults. All members of the MAKOS, including parents, must be working towards this same goal. This includes displaying good sportsmanship, not criticizing or name calling, no abusive or profane language and no harassment or bullying.
6. The coaches shall have final decision regarding all internal matters directly pertaining to swimming such as but not limited to lane and group assignments, meet event assignments and deciding if a swimmer is qualified to be on the team.
7. The Mako Swim Team will seek out of town swimming competition for different individual

competitions, a higher quality of competition; experience in trial/finals competition; conditions conducive to exceptional performances. Swimmers will be expected to attend some away meets.

8. Any swimmer who is known to use, possess, distribute or under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco is subject to immediate suspension from the team.

9. A swimmer/parent must never interfere with the progress of another swimmer, during practice, competition or otherwise. Parents understand the swimmers will be admitted to the team and assigned events based on the coach's judgment. Never coach or instruct the team or any swimmer at a practice or meets (from the stands or any other area) or interfere with coaches and/or officials on the pool deck.

10. If a swimmer/parent has a problem or difference of opinion with a coach, they are expected to resolve the issue with the coach calmly, appropriately and quickly. The coach's decision is final on all matters pertaining to the coaching of swimmers.

11. It is important that a parent calls the Head Coach at 774-836-7410 in advance when they know their child will not be able to attend a meet they signed up for. This includes YMCA and USA Swimming meets. If a swimmer signs up for a YMCA or USA Swimming meet and does not attend the family is still responsible for paying any meet fees that may be owed.

12. It is the responsibility of the swimmer/parent to stay up to date with meet information/team events by checking the team Web site (<http://ymcacapecod.org/programs/swimming/mako-swim-team/>), the team facebook page, the bulletin board and checking file folders for information. A current e-mail address is recommended to ensure full communication.

13. Regarding competitions, questions or concerns regarding decisions made by the meet officials are directed to a member of our coaching staff. Parents shall address officials via the coaching staff only. Swimmers may request specific events for meets and coaches will do their best to accommodate. However, the coaches will ultimately decide which events will be entered based on what will best benefit the team.

Sanctions: Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to the YMCA Cape Cod Mako Swim Team and USA Swimming, I voluntarily subject myself to disciplinary action. The YMCA Cape Cod Makos maintain the right to remove parents from the practice and/or swim meet facilities and terminate any membership with/without cause in the interest of our vision, mission and objectives. I understand and agree to the above terms and conditions of the Mako Swim Team in exchange for the privilege of my child(ren), registered with this form, to participate in the activities and swimming program of the Mako Swim Team.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Swimmer)\_\_\_\_\_Date \_\_\_\_\_