

## Welcome to the 2024 summer season of the Parkland Whales!

These team protocols and expectations are meant to facilitate a safe, productive, and fun summer swim season.

### OF COACHES. . .

<p>We expect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● prompt attendance</li><li>● structured practices</li><li>● supportive feedback delivered to swimmers during practices</li><li>● development of team spirit and camaraderie</li></ul>	<p>We do not expect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● feedback to parents regarding individual swimmer performance</li><li>● interpretation of officials' calls</li><li>● provision of swimmers' results/times during meets**</li><li>● collaboration with parents regarding events/heats</li></ul>
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### OF PARENTS . . .

<p>We expect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● you to be easily located <b>on pool grounds</b> during practices</li><li>● at least one parent to officiate or serve a needed role during meets</li><li>● your support to help swimmers understand boundaries and expectations for safe engagement</li><li>● you to share questions or concerns with the parent rep</li><li>● you to show enthusiastic support for all swimmers (even those on the other team ;-)</li><li>● you to prioritize team building and growth over specific results</li></ul>	<p>We do not expect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● your presence near the lifeguard stands during practices—coaches need space to coach, and kids need room to develop confidence</li><li>● your participation in meets where your swimmers will not compete</li><li>● you to provide direct feedback or to ask questions of the coaches</li></ul>
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## OF SWIMMERS . . .

We expect	We do not expect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● prompt arrival to practice, and a prompt exit from lanes when practices are finished</li><li>● engaged listening and respectful participation</li><li>● knowledge of pool rules and compliance with instructions from lifeguards, coaches, and parent volunteers (first time asked ;-)</li><li>● a commitment to do our best, to be patient with ourselves and others, and to be supportive and kind to teammates and other swimmers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● anyone to be “perfect” (no such thing)</li><li>● anyone to show consistent growth and improvement—progress doesn’t look the same for everyone, and it sometimes happens in unexpected ways</li></ul>

## OF THE PARENT REP . . .

We expect	We do not expect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● structure and support during the season’s initial practices</li><li>● organization of parent volunteers for meets and team events</li><li>● timely communication via Swimtopia</li><li>● reminders to swimmers regarding practice protocols; requests that swimmers suspend practice and return the next day when these expectations are not being met</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● attendance to/oversight of all practices</li><li>● provision of swimmers’ results or interpretation of officials’ calls**</li><li>● communication outside of Swimtopia or beyond scheduled activities</li></ul>

\*\*All our meets are dual meets (essentially two meets taking place concurrently). As a result, automation is more complicated, and meet results will be delayed. Event times should be available the day after each meet on the MCSL website: [MCSL Meet Results](#)