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The following is to clarify our current “Basic Terms and Condition for Participation” for all those in our Continuing Education and AK Sharks Swim Team Programs. We are in the process of developing a comprehensive Handbook that will be used as a guide for all our CE and AKS members. All the information contained herein is subject to change upon notice through our website, bulletin board (at the WCS pool), and Newsletter. Please check these regularly on a regular basis for any updates or changes and announcements.

BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

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1) Program Eligibility:

- a) “Angel Shark” Continuing Education Lessons: Our Angel Sharks CE lesson group is available after the completion of one lesson session in our AquaKids Learn-to-Swim Program.
- b) “Sand and Bull Shark” Continuing Education Lesson: Our Sand and Bull Shark CE Lesson groups are available after a try-out and space permitting.
- c) Blue, Dusky, Hammerhead, Mako and Great White Shark Swim Team groups are available after a try-out, meeting the group requirements and space permitting.
- d) Whale and Basking Shark (Masters/Adult) groups are available after a try-out.
- e) Our CE Lesson and Swim Team groups are available to the general public, however, we DO NOT allow enrollment if siblings are already enrolled/registered in a different swimming CE program or swimming team.

2) Communication: It is the swimmers and parent’s responsibility to keep informed on the latest team announcements, news, practice and lesson adjustments, activities, results, special interest items and more.

- a) **WEBSITE:** www.aquakidsswim.com: Complete information is available on the website and most importantly, you will find any current announcements. Gain access to the announcements through the announcement button on the main page.
- b) **E-MAIL:** Written communication with us is best accomplished through the “contact us” form on the website.

3) Class & Practice Cancellations:

- a) Classes & Practices can only be cancelled by AquaKids Staff for a weather condition, holiday, or WCS closing.
- b) Call the WCS pool cell phone at 786-255-0284, NO SOONER THAN ONE HALF HOUR prior to your lesson or practice for the status. Remember, our weather changes rapidly. We make the best determination possible on the status of practices and lessons given the information we have at the current time.
- c) If swimmers are pulled out of practice due to the weather, they must first check with their coach before leaving. Many times the team will be able to resume practice in a short amount of time or continue the practice indoors, or use the time to have a team meeting. Inclement weather does not mean that there is no practice!

4) Weather/Lightning Policy:

As a storm approaches and any coach notices the threat (of lightning). We will access the radar on the internet at the pool and will make judgements accordingly. A coach will also be posted to watch (and gage the distance of the lightning). When it becomes hazardous, the swimmers will be called out of the pool. If you as a parent feel uncomfortable, at any time, please just speak to your swimmer's coach and he or she will take your swimmer out.

5) Make Up Policy:

- a) CE Groups (Angel, Sand and Bull Sharks): Make-ups are provided only for classes we cancel!
- b) Make-ups are usually scheduled the Friday of the week of the cancelled lesson.
- c) We will not schedule a make-up if there are still 8 lessons available during the month.
- d) Make-ups are not carried over to another month.
- e) Maximum class size is waived during make-ups.
- f) AKS (Blue, Dusky, Hammerhead, Mako, Great White and Basking/Whale Sharks): NO Make-ups!

6) Financial Obligations:

The current Registration Fees and Monthly Dues (rates) are published in the program brochure and on the website. Although the dues and fees paid to the program are paid on a monthly basis, the fiscal operation of the programs is not. Our budget is determined on a yearly basis. Your monthly dues payments contribute to the yearly expenses of the program and provide all the many "extras" we provide and have for our swimmers. It is, therefore, imperative for all AquaKids parents to pay their swimmer's monthly installment on time. If fees are not current, your swimmer will not be allowed to participate in any of our programs.

A) REGISTRATION FEE: The AquaKids Program Registration Form must be completed prior to the swimmer entering a practice or lesson. The program registration fee is an annual or seasonal non-refundable fee paid each year when a swimmer participates in the program and paid the first of the year or upon joining (or rejoining). It is an Annual or Seasonal amount dependent on when a swimmer joins the program. The USA Swimming Registration and Fee (Annual or Seasonal) is not refundable and must be completed prior to the swimmer entering a USA Swimming sanctioned meet. This registration fee is set by the Florida Gold Coast, the Local Swimming Committee of USA Swimming.

B) MONTHLY DUES:

- 1) When first joining or rejoining the program, you must pay a FULL month's dues. The next month's dues will be pro-rated based upon the join (or return date) in 4 weekly increments.
- 2) Dues are paid on a monthly basis. These dues must be pre-paid in order for a swimmer to remain active in any of our programs.
- 3) All fees and dues are to be paid in cash or a check payable to: AquaKids.

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- 4) The dues are billed monthly on the 25th of the prior month. Invoices are emailed to you.
 - 5) The monthly dues are payable on or before the 1st of the month.
 - 6) A **\$10 payment discount** will be applied to the first swimmer's (in the family) monthly dues for payments received by the 5th of the month. For the discount, the dues portion of the account must be paid in full by the 5th of the month, regardless of your receiving the statement or not.
 - 7) Payments are considered LATE on the 20th of the month. A **\$15 LATE FEE** will be added to the account, if we do not receive payment by the 20th of the month.
 - 8) If the payment is not received in full by the 30th of the month, the swimmers on the account will not be allowed to participate in any AquaKids program until payment is received or payment arrangements made with the Program Director.
 - 10) When a swimmer is moved from one group to another, he/she must pay the monthly fee for the highest group in which they participate starting the following month unless the move up is completed at the beginning of the month.
- C) **INVOICES:** We invoice you on a monthly basis around the 25th of the month for the following month's dues (and any other fees due) by email. A paper invoice will be given only upon your request and may be picked up at the pool.
- D) **ESROW ACCOUNT:** AquaKids must pay our swimmers' entry fees prior to the start of a meet. Every AK SHARKS family participating in USA Sanctioned Swimming Meets is required to have a \$50.00 positive balance in an "escrow account" within that family's AquaKids account. The amount required to bring the escrow amount up to \$50.00 will be billed on the statement in the month following any USA Swimming sanctioned competitive swim meet in which a swimmer on the account participates. The escrow account will be used to pay all meet entry fees and/or any miscellaneous meet expenses.
- E) **INACTIVE STATUS:** You have the option to not participate in any given month. It is the responsibility of the person responsible for the account to **notify AquaKids, in writing** of their intention to not participate in a given month by the first of the month. The best means of notifying us is by replying to your emailed invoice OR using the "contact us" form on our website to notify us and stating your inactivity intention! Failure to notify AquaKids in writing by the first of the month will result in the obligation to pay that month's dues in full. Should you decide not to participate in any given month, you may return to the group on a space available basis. In the AK SHARKS program, it is at the coach's discretion whether to allow a swimmer to return to the same level group after being "inactive" for one month or more.
- F) **DISCONTINUING THE PROGRAM:** It is the responsibility of the person responsible for the account to **notify AquaKids, in writing** of their intention to terminate, or cancel participation by the first of the month. The best means of notifying us is by replying to your emailed invoice OR using the "contact us" form on our website to notify us and stating your intention to discontinue! Failure to notify AquaKids in writing by the first of the month will result in the obligation to pay that month's dues in full. If a swimmer member quits the program or is dropped from the program because of overdue bills, overdue and current account balances are immediately payable in full. Should a swimmer decide to discontinue participation, the full monthly dues for the month of which he/she swam and any other outstanding fees or charges are considered an obligation to AquaKids and are payable immediately upon termination of participation. Any Entry Escrow positive balance will be first applied to any outstanding obligation and any balance refunded after 30 days.
- G) **RETURNED CHECKS:** There is a \$25 charge for checks returned **for any reason.**