

WEST HOUSTON AQUATICS LEAGUE SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT

Success in any sport should be defined as "Any athlete trying their hardest, not by winning or losing." A key factor to consider in any sport is the behavior each individual participant displays while participating in any phase of a sport; be it practice, competition or clinics.

The WHALe league is a recreational summer league whose main purpose is to give children an opportunity to participate in organized swimming. Good Sportsmanship is mandated for all participants, children and adults affiliated with this organization.

Compliance with the Sportsmanship rules listed below are mandatory. Violation of any rules will be brought before the WHALe Board of Directors for review and action. Action is defined as: 1) penalty fines leveled against the offense team/member team; 2) suspension from the League; 3) removal from the League.

SPORTSMANSHIP RULES

1. Always follow the rules of the pool where meets are held.
2. Trash talk, teasing or goading opponents is not allowed.
3. Outward displays of anger are not permissible.
4. Criticizing teammates, coaches or officials will not be tolerated.
5. No one, except the head coach at a meet, will be allowed to question or protest to the referee the decision of an official during the meet.

As a participant, you must accept and understand your responsibility. As parents, you must respect the integrity and judgment of meet officials. You must also ensure that your child lives up to the standards of sportsmanship established by the WHALE league.

CONTRACT

I _____ do hereby acknowledge that I understand and agree to abide by the WHALE League Sportsmanship rules.

Participant Signature

Parent Signature
(Required for children under age 15)