

SVY SWIM TEAM CODE OF CHARACTER **Bridgewater Blue Dolphins/Hillsborough Hurricanes 2012**

I understand that it is an honor and a privilege to represent the Somerset Valley YMCA. I recognize that the reputation of the YMCA and our team is affected by and dependent upon my conduct and behavior. Therefore, I agree at all times to conduct myself in a mature, courteous, and responsible manner, both at SVY and when attending functions away from our YMCA.

Swimmers will not be allowed to register for the team and may not be allowed to practice or compete if this form is not signed and returned to the Head Coach.

As an athlete on the Bridgewater Blue Dolphins/Hillsborough Hurricanes swim team I agree to the following standards:

- *I will follow all of the rules, regulations, and procedures set forth by the team and the coaches.
- *I will always be encouraging & supportive of my teammates
- *I will practice/compete to the best of my ability at all times.
- *I will not go through, take, or destroy, anyone's personal belongings.
- *I will never endanger the safety of another participant.
- *I will never leave the supervision of the Y staff without their direct approval.

I further acknowledge that the following conduct is not acceptable and will **NOT** be tolerated.

- *Possession or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products
- *Physically assaulting a teammate, coach, official, or fellow competitor in any manner
- *Use of profanity or inappropriate language
- *Inappropriate or unsupervised activities between participants
- *Refer to teammates in an inappropriate or unsporting manner

I understand that failure to abide by the **SVY Code of Character** may result in immediate disciplinary action including, but not limited to the following:

- *Suspension from practice(s), event(s), or meet(s)
- *Suspension from the Bridgewater Blue Dolphins/Hillsborough Hurricanes Swim Team
- *Dismissal from the Bridgewater Blue Dolphins/Hillsborough Hurricanes Swim Team
- *Any combination of the above

ATTENDANCE - Any swimmer that has a dual meet attendance percentage of less than 60% for the season will not be guaranteed a spot on the team for the next season. These swimmers will need to try-out for a spot on the team the following season.

I understand that decisions made by the SVY/Bridgewater Blue Dolphins/Hillsborough Hurricanes coaching staff at the site of any infraction will prevail. Appeals can be made at a later date to be heard in a rational, constructive, and fair manner.

I pledge to abide by the SVY Code of Character.

Swimmer's Name: _____ Signature _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signature _____

Date: _____