



# Riverdale Rays Swim Team Parent/Guardian Agreement of Understanding

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Riverdale Rays Swim Team

## WHO ARE THE RAYS?

The Riverdale Rays is a community-based swim team that desires to help young people develop in their character, sportsmanship, and physical fitness as they grow in their swimming abilities, while competing against other neighborhood swim teams as a part of the Greater Peninsula Swim Association (GPSA). All children from 5-18 years of age are able to participate, no matter what their ability to swim is at the beginning of the season.

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## 2021 Season

The Riverdale Rays Swim Team is successful mainly due to the efforts of the adult volunteers. Parents and guardians share in the responsibility for the program's success, and the team depends on your participation. Participation on the Rays Swim Team is a family affair, and in working together each family only has to do a small amount of the work.

Please read and initial each statement below.

\_\_\_ I understand that the Riverdale Rays Swim Team is a volunteer group, 100% dependent on adult volunteers to oversee the team, and that parents and guardians have responsibilities for the program's success.

\_\_\_ I understand that volunteering is required in order for my child(ren) to participate in swim meets with the Riverdale Rays Swim Team. The Riverdale Rays Swim Association board will oversee all volunteer sign ups and activities.

\_\_\_ I understand that every swim meet (at our home pool or at away meets) is run solely by volunteers from both teams; and that each team is required by the GPSA to provide a certain number of officials, timers, and other volunteers per meet.

\_\_\_ I understand that every family will be required to provide one (1) volunteer for at least ½ of every meet. Sign up sheets will be provided to choose a preferred area to volunteer. It is my responsibility to sign up in a timely fashion.

\_\_\_ I know that if, for any reason, there are not enough volunteers on hand 15 minutes prior to run the swim meet according to GPSA guidelines, then the Rays GPSA Representative will make an announcement calling for more volunteers and listing the needed positions. *If volunteers do not step up to fill the vacant positions, then the Riverdale Rays GPSA Representative and/or President may be forced to forfeit the meet.*

\_\_\_ I understand that if I am unable to attend a swim meet, or otherwise, fulfill my volunteer duties, that it is my sole responsibility to find an adult volunteer to take my place and ensure they attend. I know it is also my responsibility to let

the GPSA Representative (or board member) know who will be replacing me. *Failure to help, without prior approval of the Rays' swim team board, may result in my swimmer(s) being ineligible to swim in the next swim meet/event.*

\_\_\_\_ I understand that swim team practice attendance is very important if my child(ren) is to improve in their swimming. I will do my best to ensure that my child(ren) attends practice at least 3 times each week during the swim season.

\_\_\_\_ I understand that the coaches are in charge of swim practices. If I do not agree with coaching decisions, I can discuss issues with the coach before or after practice, and/or discuss the issue with the swim team board. I will not interfere with practice while it is in session.

\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that parents/guardians must attend a 1-hour training session prior to the start of the swim session to fully understand volunteer roles and responsibilities. Additional training and information is available and highly encouraged for all officials positions (referee, stroke & turn judge, starter, GPSA representative, etc.)

\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that the team is sustained through donations and will assist in a minimum of two fundraisers. I also agree to assist in obtaining corporate sponsorships as needed.

\_\_\_\_ I acknowledge that all swim team dues and RRA membership dues (at least initial payment/arrangements) are due and payable within two (2) weeks after the start of practice. Failure to pay any of these dues, or establish a plan of payment, by this date will necessitate the removal of swimmer(s) from the team with no refund.

**Please sign at bottom:**

I have read and understand each statement above and agree to abide by them for the success of the Riverdale Rays. I understand that am able to receive a copy of this agreement upon request.

\_\_\_\_ If any of the agreements listed on this form are broken, code of conduct rules are broken, and/or payment rules are not followed, it is the right of the Riverdale Rays Swim Team Board to remove my swimmer(s) from the team without a refund.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Swimmer(s) Name(s):  
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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

