

# THE BEHAVIOUR CODE

The following codes have been adapted from the Australian School Sports Council document "Fair Play in School Sport - Codes of Behaviour" and have been endorsed by Swimming Victoria Inc.

## FOR SWIMMERS

- ◆ Be a good sport
- ◆ Compete for enjoyment
- ◆ Work hard for your team as well as yourself
- ◆ Treat all team mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself
- ◆ Compete by the rules
- ◆ Co-operate with team and game officials
- ◆ Control your behaviour in and out of the pool
- ◆ Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement

## FOR COACHES AND TEACHERS

- ◆ Set a good example for your swimmers
- ◆ Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual skills
- ◆ Encourage team participation
- ◆ Ensure that the events are appropriate for the age group and the skill development level of the swimmers involved
- ◆ Teach your swimmers to be friendly towards officials and opponents
- ◆ Discipline any swimmers whose behaviour is not acceptable
- ◆ Keep your own knowledge of coaching and developments of the sport up to date
- ◆ Share your knowledge with others as the need arises

## FOR PARENTS

- ◆ Encourage participation by your children
- ◆ Provide a model of good sports behaviour for your child to copy
- ◆ Be courteous in your communication with swimmers, officials and sport administrators
- ◆ Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions
- ◆ Do not interfere with the conduct of any event

## FOR SPECTATORS

- ◆ Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour
- ◆ Remember children compete for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment
- ◆ Let officials conduct events without interference
- ◆ Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause
- ◆ Demonstrate respect for other competitors and their supporters.

