



# **THE STAR DIVING CLUB GUILDFORD**

## **PARENTS' CHARTER**

**As the parent of a diver I will endeavour at all times to maintain a positive and enthusiastic approach to the diving club and to my child's involvement with the sport of diving. I understand that as my child is a member of Star Diving I agree to abide by the following rules.**

### **I will support the club by:**

1. Making sure my child understands and adheres to the code of conduct for Star Diving.
2. Setting a good example by recognising good sportsmanship and applauding good performances of all
3. Trusting and upholding the appointed coaches and officers of the club
4. Using the approved channels to share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club
5. Using correct and proper language at all times
6. Maintaining confidentiality as appropriate
7. Offering practical support where possible
8. Avoiding inappropriate use of alcohol, cigarettes or use of any illegal drugs when in contact with Star Diving
9. Being aware of the club's Equity Policy
10. Ensuring that any discussion relating to the club (e.g. when spectating) is appropriate (see 4, 6 and 9)
11. Meeting deadlines for payments and requests for information

### **I will support my child's coach by:**

1. Co-operating in establishing a good communication pattern
2. Trusting him/her to do his/her job without interfering (e.g. coaching from the spectators area)
3. Respecting decisions made for my child's participation in the sport and taking responsibility for asking for clarification if the reasons for decisions are not understood
4. Informing him/her if my child is sick, injured or prevented from attending for any other reason

5. Ensuring that my child is in the right place at the right time with the right equipment
6. Arriving and collecting my child on time for sessions. Children under the age of 8 should not be left unsupervised

**I will support my child by:**

1. Encouraging him/her to learn the rules and abide by them
2. Discouraging challenging/arguing with officials and others
3. Publicly accepting officials' judgements
4. Helping him/her to recognise good performance, not just results
5. Never punishing or belittling him/her for poor performance or making mistakes
6. Getting the balance between encouraging him/her to commit to good attendance, whilst ensuring that he/she is not forced into taking part in the sport
7. Ensuring that he/she has the correct equipment, including appropriate dress and drinks bottle at all times
8. Providing the practical help needed for him/her to take part and enjoy the sport

**SANCTIONS**

In the event that the Parents' Charter is deemed to have been breached, the following procedure will be followed:

The breach will be referred, via the Chair of the Diving Club who will in turn present this to the clubs committee, ensure that the "incident" is appropriately investigated and recorded.

In the event that the panel investigating the "incident" upholds the criticism the following steps will be taken:

1. Verbal warning given and kept on file (remains on file permanently, "active" for 1 year)
2. Written warnings given and kept on file (remains on file permanently. "active" for one year)
3. Fixed term suspension issued for parent (and possibly diver). If diver is suspended training fees will not be payable during the time of suspension.
4. Expulsion from the Diving Club of parent (and possibly diver)