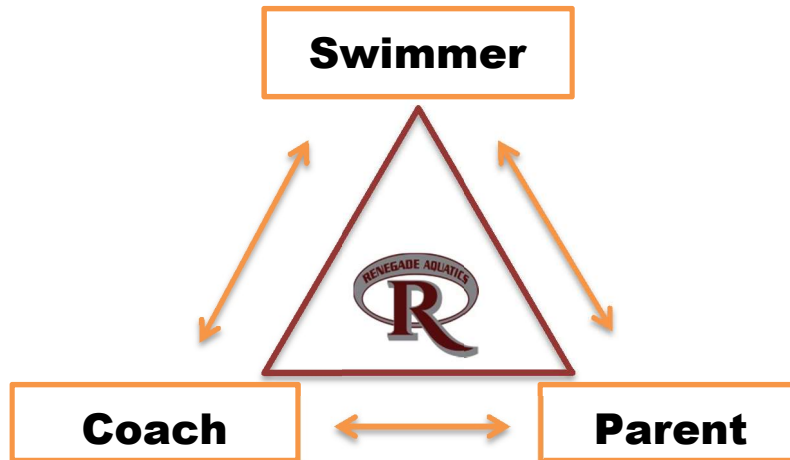




## Expectations for Athletes, Coaches, and Parents: How Do We Achieve the Best Results?



Everyone involved with our program should be working together so that we achieve our primary goal – a wonderful experience for the athletes that you entrust to our care. It is, in fact, the foundation for our Renegade Mission Statement:

*The Mission of Renegade Aquatics is to provide a safe environment and strong foundation for growth, for all levels of swimmers, so that our participants develop an appreciation for the sport of swimming, respect for their teammates and competitors, and a goal to reach their fullest potential.*

In trying to achieve our common goal, let's review the above relationships and determine how to best achieve the success that we all desire.

### Coach / Parent Relationship

1. The COACH pledges make the athletes the priority in everything they do. The PARENT agrees to trust the coaching staff that they share your mutual interests, even though we may see different ways to achieve the best result.
2. The COACH will try to balance what is best for your child and the needs of the overall team. Likewise, the PARENT must trust the coaching staff that, in the long run, the athlete will benefit from the overall success of the team.
3. The COACH will always communicate with you in an honest and mature manner, focusing on being receptive to your concerns. The PARENT agrees to discuss any concerns with the coach directly (rather than other parents), realizing the mutual interest that both parties share.

4. The COACH makes no claim to being perfect, but will strive to be fair and consistent while dealing with team members. The PARENT agrees to focus on the overall objective – the improvement and well-being of your child.
5. The COACH will monitor all swims during a competition, providing analysis and feedback for the athlete, and communicate with officials if any concerns are raised. The PARENT will refrain from any direct communication with officials, bringing any concerns to a coach – and the coach will pursue the issue through appropriate channels.

### **Coach / Swimmer Relationship**

1. The COACH pledges to be prepared at every practice and meet, with a goal to provide the training required for success. The SWIMMER agrees to attend each practice with a desire to train at the best of their abilities.
2. The COACH will train the swimmers such that all have the opportunity to feel a sense of accomplishment. The SWIMMER agrees to provide their best effort, even on sets that they dislike or find uncomfortable.
3. The COACH will always be available for the swimmers, especially if it relates to concerns about themselves or their teammates. The SWIMMER agrees to share any concerns with the coach, rather than addressing any issues directly with a teammate, opponent, or official.
4. The COACH shall provide a safe environment at all times for the athletes – at practice and meets, and while staying in hotels for travel meets. The SWIMMER agrees to immediately notify the coach if there are any situations that affect athlete safety and to adhere to all regulations in the Team Travel policy.
5. During competition, the COACH will monitor all races, providing analysis and feedback for the athlete. The SWIMMER will race to the best of their ability and show respect for teammates, competitors, other coaches and officials.

### **Parent / Swimmer Relationship**

1. The PARENT will make every effort to bring their children to the recommended number of practices each week. The SWIMMER pledges to be enthusiastic about attending practice and to start practice on time (as quickly as possible after being dropped off).
2. The PARENT will be supportive of the athlete's efforts, understanding that it is the coach's responsibility to analyze and critique the athlete. The SWIMMER agrees to put forth their best effort in practice and at meets.
3. The PARENT shall be observant in any pool setting or team activity, ensuring that the children are safe. The SWIMMER shall share any safety concerns with either a coach or an adult, knowing that any situation will be addressed in a confidential manner.

In the end, we want the same results for your child. If the parents, athletes and coaches work together, it will be the athlete who achieves the biggest benefit. Take a minute to read our Mission Statement again. If all of us can strive to promote our program, with a cohesive philosophy and partnership, and ensure the safety of our members, Renegade Aquatics can establish itself as a progressive swim club that is a benefit to its members and the community at large!