

Peace River Winter Swim Club

“Safe Sporting Environment Policy”

Purpose:

Peace River Winter Swim Club believes that everyone has the right to enjoy the sport at whatever level or position they participate. All members and staff have the right to participate in a safe and inclusive training and competitive environment that is free of abuse, harassment or discrimination.

Peace River Winter Swim Club believes the welfare of everyone involved in the sport is the most important aspect in the protection of the children and athletes in the club. It is the responsibility of every individual and member of the club as well as the coaches and governance to uphold protection of the children and athletes associated with the club.

Peace River Winter Swim Club will provide a fun, healthy, inclusive and safe environment for the athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers by ensuring the environment that they are training and competing in is safe and inclusive. This means an environment free of mental, physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from other athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers or anyone else associated with the club in any role.

Policy:

Ongoing Commitment to Safe Sporting Environment

- Peace River Winter Swim Club understands that while athletes are under their responsibility and supervision, at training sessions or in competitions, that the Club is responsible to provide a safe environment free from abuse or exclusion.
- Peace River Winter Swim Club commits to transparency going forward in the sporting environment to provide a safe place to practice the sport.
- Peace River Winter Swim Club will adopt the Open and Observable Environment requirements of Swimming Canada. Open and observable environments mean making meaningful and concerted efforts to avoid situations where a coach, official or other representative might be alone with an athlete and/or vulnerable individual. All interactions between an athlete and an individual who is in a position of trust should normally and wherever possible, be in an environment or space that is both “open” and “observable” to others.
- Should there be a complaint due to breach of this policy, it will be dealt with as per the Peace River Winter Swim Club policies and procedures.