



CAMEL SWIM CLUB

**CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MOLDS
INDIVIDUALS INTO CHAMPIONS
IN BOTH COMPETITION AND IN LIFE
BY FOCUSING ON THE GROWTH OF THE WHOLE SWIMMER
AND EMPOWERING EACH ATHLETE WITH
SELF-DISCIPLINE AND SELF-ESTEEM**

CAMEL Swimmers and Families,

Recently, CAMEL board members and staff have observed a number of swimmers in the facility unattended by an adult. These swimmers and siblings are often in areas off limits to the team, using college equipment, and/or behaving in a fashion that, as guests of the facility, is thoroughly inappropriate. This has not gone unnoticed by college staff. To further exacerbate the situation, on the evening of the CAMEL Holiday Party there was some trespassing into the basketball arena and resultant vandalism. The only people known to have been in the building at the time were CAMEL participants and their families. While this does not mean it had to be someone associated with CAMEL, since we did have members not adhering to policy, we have, justifiably, come under increased scrutiny.

In a well reasoned response, Connecticut College's administration has reiterated the existing policies which were distributed at the beginning of the season to every CAMEL family. Please understand that, as guests of Connecticut College, we must adhere to the aforementioned policies at all times. To assure CAMEL's continued use of the facility, CAMEL has agreed to expel any CAMEL athletes or family members that do not comply with these policies. A copy of the policies appears on page two of this letter.

In addition, college administrators, together with CAMEL's board and staff, have agreed that CAMEL will supply a monitor from 5 minutes before the start of the first practice or dryland each day until 15 minutes after the end of the last practice each day.

Currently, CAMEL has 46 swimmers on the roster. Six of the members are high school boys and, as such, per school rules, are precluded from participation until March. Each coach and each board member gets one exemption, leaving 32 swimmers whose parents are responsible for monitoring duty. With 64 practices left, each swimmer's parent should sign up for two days. (Families with two swimmers should sign up for four days, with three swimmers, six etc).

A pair of sign-up calendars (one for the next 32 practices and one for the last 32 practices) has been posted for parents to choose which day on each calendar they prefer. For every child a family has participating, they should sign up for one day on each calendar. Beginning on January 2nd, any unfilled days will be assigned by the board. The final calendars will then be posted on the team bulleting board, posted on the team website and e-mailed to each family. At that point, the monitor calendars will be final and the family assigned to each day will be responsible for finding a substitute should they become unavailable to monitor on their assigned day. Failure to monitor, or to assure a substitute monitors, on a family's assigned day could result in disciplinary action up to and including possible expulsion of the family from the club.

These policies are in place to ensure the safety of the children and to enhance security within the facility. CAMEL is privileged to be able to utilize this state of the art facility. Let's all work together to ensconce ourselves at Connecticut College for many years to come.

Thanks you in advance for your cooperation,
The CAMEL Board of Directors and the CAMEL Staff