

Louisville Blue Dolphins Swim Team

Code of Conduct

The undersigned athlete participating on the LYBD Swim Team or USA Swim Team agrees to abide by the standards of conduct outlined below in addition to those established by the coaching staff. All team members are expected to:

1. Show good sportsmanship to both opponents and teammates at all times. This includes offering congratulations to opponents, win or lose, and cheering on your teammates.
2. Follow the directions of the coaching staff during practices, meets, and other team activities.
3. Follow the rules of any pool that you swim at and abide by the directions of the lifeguards & staff at those pools. This includes abiding by the YMCA Member Code of Conduct
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself. Hitting, pushing, or any other types of aggressive/violent/intimidating/bullying type behavior will not be tolerated at any team practice, meet, or team social event.
5. Give your full effort and attention during practices. Do not distract or hinder the swimmers around you.
6. Locker rooms are for changing & showering only. Horseplay will not be tolerated.
7. Do not remove or take any article that does not belong to you, such as clothing, jewelry, money, equipment, etc.
8. Respect the property of any facility the team may visit or use. No swimmer shall tamper with or cause damage to any such facility. The parents of the swimmer will be responsible for 100% of the cost of any damage caused by their swimmer or themselves.
9. Display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, and administrators, fellow competitors, parents, and the public. This include refraining from use of vulgar language.
10. Promote positive team spirit and morale, which includes being humble in victory and gracious in defeat. Deal justly, kindly, respectfully, and intelligently with all fellow team members.
11. Wear the appropriate team suit, cap, and other clothing as prescribed by the coaches.
12. Swimmers should practice in their assigned practice groups only. Changing groups for scheduling or location convenience, or for coaching preferences is not permitted.

13. Do not possess, sell, or use alcohol, tobacco, or any non-prescribed drugs. This behavior is not tolerated.

Parents

Healthy parent involvement is an essential part to any successful swim team experience. As such we encourage parents to get involved with the team and be positive influences on their swimmers and the team as a whole. However, as with many youth sports these days, unfortunately, at times parents can become more of a detriment than an asset to their swimmers and team. Parent conduct that is detrimental or embarrassing to our Swim Team will not be tolerated, just as the conduct of the swimmers themselves, at practice and at meets, is expected to be at the highest level.

- Parents may NOT interfere during swim practices. Do not talk to coaches or swimmers during practices unless there is an emergency. Leave the coaching of your swimmer to the coaches at meets and practices.
- Parents are NOT to be on deck at any home swim meet, YMCA invitational, or USA meet unless they are signed up to volunteer.
- Parents must abide by the rules set by the host teams or facilities of all meets, both home and away.
- All parents are required to fulfill their minimum volunteer requirements and stay current on all team fees and escrow accounts.

Failure to comply with the code of conduct may result in, but not be limited to:

1. Verbal warning/correction from a coach or lifeguard.
2. Temporary removal from a practice/meet
3. Written report about an incident & contact with a parent to discuss the issue.
4. Suspension from team activities including practices, meets, and team social activities.
5. A meeting with the parents, head coach, YMCA Executive director which may result in permanent dismissal from the team.

Please note extreme behavior that puts the safety or wellbeing of the swimmers in jeopardy will not be tolerated and may result in immediate dismissal of the swimmer. This includes bullying, aggressive and/or violent behavior.

Please acknowledge that you've read and agree to these policies.

Swimmer's Name _____

Parent or Guardian's signature _____

