

HPSC CODE OF CONDUCT: ATHLETES

The undersigned athlete participating with/for the High Point Swim Club (HPSC) agrees to abide by the guidelines outlined below in addition to those established by the staff.

- Swim for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Make every team practice, meet participation and activity an opportunity to learn.
- Represent HPSC with excellence, respect, team spirit and politeness.
- Follow the directions of the coaching staff, respect official instructions and designated chaperones. Disrespect or failure to obey instructions will not be tolerated from any athlete.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times to the team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents and for all facilities and properties used during practices, competitions and team activities.
- Be punctual and arrive on time for all practices, meets and team events. Pool time is very valuable.
- Attend all team meetings, practice sessions and swim meets (if registered for meets), unless excused by staff or have made special arrangements with a coach.
- Be an active participant in all team practices, competitions, fundraising events and other team activities.
- Swimmers must notify the coach, in advance, if they are planning to leave practice or swim meets early.
- Wear HPSC team caps at all practices, appropriately fitting swimsuits (preferably TYR team suit) and team caps at all swim meets. This displays team pride and also makes it easier to identify swimmers on the blocks and in the water.
- Focus on every drill and every set. Be committed to putting forth your best effort every day. An honest effort does not include cutting laps, pulling on lane lines or missing send offs/sets.
- Disruption of practice by an athlete will be grounds for removal. Continual cheating in a practice will be considered a disruption of practice.
- Pay attention and follow all of the coach's instructions completely and exactly. If clarifications are needed, ask questions politely.
- Use appropriate language. Use of profane or abusive language or obscene gestures will not be tolerated.
- Dishonestly, theft, and/or vandalism will not be tolerated.
- Indiscreet or destructive behavior will not be tolerated.
- Every effort should be made to avoid guilt by association with such activities as those listed above.
- There shall be no drinking of alcohol or use of tobacco products or illegal drugs or any substances banned by USA Swimming.
- Swimmers are expected to respect each other. Fighting, intentional touching or striking another athlete will subject the swimmer to the most severe discipline.

Swimmers are expected to follow the spirit of the rules as well as the specific rules. The coach must adapt this philosophy to an infinite number of situations. Swimmers are asked to respect the coach's directions and give their full cooperation. Cooperation with teammates and staff will produce a productive practice environment and competitive environment for all.

Swimmer's signature

Date

Parent's signature

Date