

GAAC Coach Code Of Conduct

The purpose of this code of conduct for coaches is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff of the club. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship.

- GAAC coaches will-
- Honor the GA mission statement every day by being
 - Honorable in deed
 - Compassionate in spirit
 - Independent in thought
 - Collaborative in action
 - Confident in expression
- Model grit, resilience, reliability, and ownership.
- Be engaged, passionate, positive, and professional.
- Lead first by educating both athletes and parents.
- Use constructive feedback.
- Use a growth mindset as the platform for their coaching.
- Operate with a positive coaching lens.
- Promote good sportsmanship.
- Act with integrity.
- Treat all athletes and members of the GA community with respect.
- Treat all visiting teams and families with respect.
- Treat all officials and volunteers with respect.
- Don appropriate coaching attire.
- Not engage in any type of verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.
- Follow all facility rules and safety procedures.
- Adhere to USA Swimming's rules and code of conduct. Coaches who exhibit sexist, racist, homophobic, or otherwise inappropriate behavior will be faced with consequences.
- Set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow.
- Win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
- Always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance.
- Continue to seek and maintain their own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
- Always maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete.

Any complaints of a coach violating this code of conduct will be brought to the attention of his/her supervisor, the club Head Coach, or the GA Director Of Athletics.