

## **Coaches' Code of Conduct**

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

## **General Expectations**

Coaches are expected to:

- At all times, adhere to USA Swimming's rules and code of conduct.
- Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
- Always place the well-being, health, and safety of athletes above all other considerations, including competitive performance.
- Maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete at all times.
- Continue to seek and maintain professional development in all areas related to coaching and working with children.
- Foster a team culture that is respectful, supportive, and inclusive of all athletes regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, or background.

## **Zero Tolerance Policy**

Coaches must refrain from exhibiting any behavior that is:

- Sexist
- Racist
- Homophobic
- Abusive or otherwise inappropriate

Violations of this nature will result in disciplinary actions, which may include suspension or termination, as determined by the club's leadership.

## **Accountability**

Any complaints regarding violations of this Code of Conduct will be brought to the attention of:

- The coach's immediate supervisor
  - and/or
- The club's Board of Directors

Appropriate measures will be taken to investigate and resolve all reported concerns.