

## Westtown Aquatic Club Coaches Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to establish clear expectations for all members of the Westtown Aquatics coaching staff. This code serves as a guide to foster a positive team culture, sportsmanship, and professionalism in all aspects of coaching.

As a coach at Westtown Aquatic Club, I commit to...

- Always Adhering to all USA Swimming rules and the Code of Conduct.
- 2. Leading by example, demonstrating respect, integrity, and sportsmanship for swimmers, parents, officials, and spectators.
- 3. Maintaining professionalism, both in conduct and appearance, in a manner befitting my role as a coach.
- 4. Respecting meet officials and their decisions while ensuring athletes also uphold the rules of competition.
- 5. Treating all opposing teams, coaches, and spectators with courtesy and respect at all events.
- 6. Instilling sportsmanship in athletes and expecting them to demonstrate respect toward teammates, competitors, and officials.
- 7. Providing positive coaching, avoiding derogatory remarks, abusive language, or negative reinforcement.
- 8. Winning with humility and losing with dignity, fostering a healthy perspective on competition.

- 9. Treating all swimmers fairly and impartially, with a focus on their individual growth, well-being, and success.
- 10. Prioritizing the health, safety, and overall development of every swimmer, above all other considerations, including performance.
- 11. Continuing professional development, staying informed on best practices in coaching and youth development.
- 12. Maintaining professional boundaries, ensuring appropriate and respectful relationships between coaches and athletes at all times.

## **Accountability**

Any complaints regarding a coach's failure to uphold this Code of Conduct will be reported to the Head Coach and/or Team Administrator for review and appropriate action. By following this Code of Conduct, Westtown Aquatics coaches uphold the values of integrity, respect, and excellence, creating a safe and positive environment for all athletes.

