

NVSL Standards of Conduct

The following Standards of Conduct shall guide swimming and diving within the Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL). They promote respect, fairness, civility, honesty, responsibility and appropriate behavior. These Standards foster a positive environment at all swim and dive meets; establish an atmosphere of respect for all participants, officials and spectators; produce positive learning outcomes for all; build participant and team spirit; and enhance the sports of swimming and diving.

All Athletes, Coaches, Team Representatives, Officials, Parents/Spectators, and NVSL Leadership shall:

- * Abide by the established rules of the NVSL.
- * Respect all officials at all times and address them in a courteous manner.
- * Avoid using inappropriate language, profanity, humiliating or intimidating remarks or behavior, verbal or physical assault toward any athlete, coach, team representative, official, NVSL leadership representative or spectator.
- * Follow applicable management, pool and facility rules, respecting others' property at all times.
- * Display respect, courtesy and good manners toward athletes, coaches, Team Representatives and spectators. Team Representatives shall assist officials in maintaining control of spectators during meets.

Head Coaches shall:

- * Ensure athletes and assistant coaches demonstrate maturity and good sportsmanship toward other athletes, officials, coaches and spectators at all times.
- * Lead by example to install a love for the sport, advanced aquatic skills, teamwork and good sportsmanship in their team.

Spectators shall:

- * Maintain an appropriate distance from the competition area by remaining in established viewing areas and shall not encroach the pool deck or interfere with any officials.
- * Not engage in loud, intimidating, disrespectful or negative behavior toward officials, athletes, other spectators, support personnel or pool staff (including lifeguards).