

TENNESSEE AQUATICS

SWIMMING • DIVING • MASTERS



ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

TNAQ's Code of Conduct ensures every member of Tennessee Aquatics represents the team and themselves in a positive manner. The following Code is in effect throughout the year.

1. TNAQ team members shall exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. TNAQ team members win gracefully, lose graciously, and congratulate their opponents in either case.
2. TNAQ athletes shall be respectful of their peers, coaches, officials, parents, and facilities at all times.
3. TNAQ team members shall not illegally consume or purchase: alcohol, tobacco, whether for smoking, chewing, or vaping; or use any illegal drug of the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) banned substances of any kind. In addition, any team member found or suspected to be in the **presence of others** (regardless of team affiliation) participating in any of the above illegal activities will be subject to the same punishments, including the potential loss of the privilege of being a member of TNAQ.
4. The use of audio or visual recording, including a cell phone camera, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms at any time.
5. Cell phone use at TNAQ activities (including during practice and throughout meets) should be limited to emergency communications or for otherwise important and necessary purposes only.
6. Athletes are expected to make responsible use of social media and at all times conduct themselves in a manner consistent with being a good teammate and representative of TNAQ.
7. TNAQ's disciplinary procedures will apply to any team member violating the Athlete Code of Conduct.

POTENTIAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Failure to abide by the TNAQ Athlete Code of Conduct may result in any or all of the following:

1. Athlete may have the behavior addressed by the Coaches.
2. Athlete may be asked to sit out of practice for a limited period of time.
3. Athlete may be scratched from competitions or not be allowed to participate in team activities.
4. Athlete may be asked to leave practice.
5. Athlete may be suspended from all team activities, including practice, for a period of time (definite or indefinite).
6. In severe circumstances:
 - a. Athlete may be dismissed from the team; and/or

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- b. Reposted to USA Swimming, USA Diving, the U.S. Center for SafeSport, or law enforcement.

It is anticipated and intended that all involved will have a positive experience. For the safety of our members, rule violations will be dealt with in a direct manner. The very best is expected from all Tennessee Aquatics members.