

Northwest Swim Circuit Code of Conduct

The Northwest Swim Circuit (NWSC) was formed with the objective of helping young swimmers to develop physical fitness, self-discipline, self-confidence, proficiency in competitive swimming strokes, determination to do one's best, and good sportsmanship. The expectation of the Executive Board is that participants will exhibit the highest standards of sportsmanship at all times while participating in all NWSC and member club affiliated events. Every participant, including swimmers, coaches, officials, board members, parents and spectators, has a responsibility to behave in a respectable manner and to comply with and support the Code of Conduct.

BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

While attending and/or participating in any NWSC or member club affiliated practice or event, no individual shall:

- (1) Use trash talk, profane, obscene or vulgar language, or gesture under any circumstances, on or off the pool area, or
- (2) Engage in an objectionable demonstration of dissent or unsportsmanlike conduct such as throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
- (3) Otherwise behave in an unsportsmanlike fashion, including engaging in or escalating arguments between any participants at the event

Refusal to Abide by Officials

While attending and/or participating in any NWSC or member club affiliated practice or event, no individual shall refuse to abide by an official's decision.

Violent Physical Behavior

While attending and/or participating in any NWSC or member club affiliated practice or event, no individual shall:

- At any time strike, shove, threaten to strike or lay a hand upon an official, swimmer, coach or spectator.
- Engage in an abusive, verbal attack upon any official, swimmer, coach or spectator on or off the pool area.

REPORTING and REMEDIATION GUIDELINES

Unsportsmanlike behavior falling under the Behavioral Guidelines shall be immediately reported to the Home Meet Director, or other Enforcement Authority, by anyone involved in or observing such behavior. Retaliatory or escalating behavior shall be viewed as unsportsmanlike conduct and a failure to comply with this code of conduct.

PENALTIES

Penalty for Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Refusal to Abide

Any Unsportsmanlike Conduct or Refusal to Abide violation of the above policy will result in the following action at the discretion of the Meet Director or recognized Enforcement Authority:

First Offense – Warning to violator from the Meet Director, or Enforcement Authority

Second Offense - Additional Warning to or Ejection of the violator(s) from the meet/event by the Meet Director, or Enforcement Authority, at the discretion of that Enforcement Authority

Third Offense – Ejection of the violator from the event by the Meet Director, or Enforcement Authority

Penalty for Violent Physical Behavior

Any Violent Physical Behavior violation of the above policy shall result in the ejection of the person(s) from the meet/event by the Meet Director or other Enforcement Authority.

REVIEW

Violations of NWSC Code of Conduct will be subject to review by the NWSC Board under the investigative authority of the Vice-President of the NWSC, and may result in seasonal or permanent ban of the violator and/or family from the Northwest Swim Circuit.

**All violations shall be reported in writing to the Vice President of the NWSC Executive Board either by Meet Director, or Enforcement Authority, through their NWSC Representative via electronic or traditional mail within 72 hours of the infraction.*

By signing below, I do hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by the Northwest Swim Circuit Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian/Coach/Official Signature

Date

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