



Katy Aquatics Code of Conduct – Student Athlete

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Katy Aquatics team activities are a privilege and should be treated as such. It is the responsibility of the parent (s) and athletes to understand and abide by the code; and of the coaches to fairly enforce the code.

The Katy Aquatics Code of Conduct is categorized into three levels that identify sample offenses and possible disciplinary options. The three levels of the disciplinary system are listed below.

LEVEL I

Level I offenses are minor acts of misconduct, which interfere with the coaches' ability to run a practice or meet in an orderly manner that take place during Katy Aquatic activities.

Offenses

1. Repeated tardiness to practice.
2. Failure to participate in practice activities
3. Chewing gum in the pool.
4. Throwing objects.
5. Failure to follow coaches' instructions.
6. Talking back/arguing with coaches.
7. Disruption of practice.

Disciplinary Options

1. Verbal reprimand.
2. Time out of the pool during practice or meets.
3. Telephone call/note to parent.

LEVEL II

Level II offenses involve more severe and disruptive behaviors, or repeated disruptive behavior, that take place during Katy Aquatic activities.

Offenses

1. Persistent offenses from Level I.
2. Physical contact with another with implied intent to physically abuse.
3. Vandalism.
4. Engaging in public displays of affection with another student.
5. Verbal abuse; using profane, obscene, or threatening language.

Disciplinary Options

1. Time out of the pool during practice or meets, and conference with athlete/parent/coach. ^(A)
2. Behavioral contracts.
3. Temporary suspension from Katy Aquatics for up to two (2) weeks and/or community hours at the discretion of the head coach. ^{(B)(C)}



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LEVEL III

Level III offenses are acts of misconduct which are considered the most serious. Parents will be notified and requested to come for a conference with the athlete and coach, or coaches, in each instance of Level III misconduct.

Offenses

1. Persistent offenses from Level II.
2. Engages in conduct of public lewdness during Katy Aquatics activities.
3. Thefts that take place during Katy Aquatics activities.
4. Possession or concealment of a weapon during or outside of Katy Aquatics activities.^{(E) (F)}
5. Use, possession, under the influence of, or distribution to another person of any illegal drug, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco product, or any controlled substance for which the athlete does not have a prescription for. This prohibition shall apply at all times, during or outside of Katy Aquatics activities.^{(D) (F)}

Disciplinary Options

1. Prohibit athlete participation with team at practices or meets.
2. Suspension from Katy Aquatics which can range from a minimum suspension of thirty (30) days to a permanent suspension. Duration of suspension will be determined by the Katy Aquatics Executive Board.^{(B) (C)}

OUT-OF-TOWN TEAM ACTIVITIES

A Katy Aquatics Travel Code of Conduct will supplement this code of conduct during Katy Aquatics out-of-town team activities, and will be provided to athletes and guardians for signature prior to departing for the activity.

HELPING ATHLETES IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY

If an athlete is concerned about his own involvement in drugs or alcohol, or that of another athlete, the athlete is encouraged to talk confidentially with a coach. An athlete who voluntarily discloses to a coach his involvement with drugs and alcohol will not be charged with a violation of the Katy Aquatics Code of Conduct as a result of such disclosure. The athlete will be referred to substance abuse counseling or treatment at his/her own cost.

Katy Aquatics recognizes the need for sensitivity in dealing disciplinary and substance abuse matters and will make every effort to ensure that confidentiality is upheld and that the privacy of those involved will be maintained and respected.

Katy Aquatics further recognizes that the parents are the first and most important teachers of their children in regard to the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products and that parents are primarily responsible for the children's behavior in these as all other matters. It is Katy Aquatics view however that any behavior that ends to bring discredit to the club is a legitimate cause of concern and falls within the purview of the club review.

FOOTNOTES



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- (A) A conference with an athlete/parent/coach does **not** guarantee that the athlete will be allowed to continue swimming or diving for Katy Aquatics.
- (B) If the recommendation of the head coach is temporary suspension or permanent removal of the athlete from the team; that athlete/parent/guardian may within 10 days of the decision, submit in person or in writing to the board his/her particular claim of unfair treatment. This will be reviewed by the Katy Aquatics Executive Board and the head coach. The decision of this committee will be final in all cases. The review and decision shall be completed in 10 days from the date of submission of the claim to the board by the athlete/parent/guardian.
- (C) If an athlete is suspended from the club, there will be nor refund or abatement of dues for the period of the suspension. If the athlete is dismissed from the club, the contract between Katy Aquatics and the athlete's parent or legal guardian will terminate on the date the dismissal becomes effective. However, the parent or guardian will be liable for the dues incurred up to the effective date of the dismissal.
- (D) "Illegal drug" means any drug which is illegal under the laws of the State of Texas, and any drug substance which is banned by USA Swimming, the United States Anti-Doping Agency, the International Olympic Committee, or the World Anti-Doping Agency. "Drug paraphernalia" means any device designed or used for the purpose of introducing a drug into the body, including for example, rolling papers, bongs and crack pipes.
- (E) Weapons exempted from disciplinary action include weapons intended for recreation use, and which have not been used for any other means.
- (F) If an athlete has violated Level III weapons or drug offenses, it is the responsibility of the athlete and his/her parents/guardian to notify the head coach as these are offenses subject to disciplinary action regardless of whether they took place during or outside Katy Aquatics Activities.

I understand that I represent Katy Aquatics and that any inappropriate behavior at practice, meets, or any team function will not be tolerated.

I have read the above and do hereby agree to and will abide by the Katy Aquatics Code of Conduct so stated.

Name of Athlete (Print)

Athlete Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date