



NEW YORK SHARKS CODE OF CONDUCT

Name _____ Group _____

The philosophy of the New York Sharks Swim Team is to create fast swimmers, develop good character, and to offer a clean wholesome activity. These concepts go together; you cannot have one without the other. The Code of Conduct attempts to address the problems that will defeat the purpose of the New York Sharks Swim Team.

Swimmers must know that poor language or lack of self control does not promote an environment to which parents want to send their young swimmers to. Lying is destructive and habit forming. Stealing, vandalism and other illegal activities will not only cause internal problems within the group, but could result in the entire team being forced out of facilities that are rented by the New York Sharks. Swimmers must understand that all their actions around the pool affect the type of program that we can offer. Membership on the New York Sharks Swim Team is a privilege.... not a right.

Drug and alcohol use will not be tolerated in conjunction with any New York Shark Swim Team activity. Drinking and drug use by teenagers may not be unusual, but it will not be connected with our swim team. You must have an attitude of a competitive swimmer! Swimmers are different. Swimmers practice before school. Swimmers have meets on many weekends. Drugs and drinking cannot be part of your life. If you involve yourself in substance abuse, your attitude, performances, and safety will suffer. Moreover, other swimmers do not want to be involved with teammates who have lost the focus of being committed swimmers and who have become a danger or distraction to themselves and others.

This Code of Conduct is a way of maintaining the philosophy of the New York Sharks Swim Team, while also explaining due process to each swimmer. Younger swimmers may think that some of these are not relevant to them now, but they are never too young to start developing good character and behavior.

Foul language, derogatory language, lying, stealing, vandalism, graffiti, defacing property, Tobacco, drug or alcohol use, are unacceptable on the New York Sharks Swim Team. Situations that endanger the safety of another team member or one's own self, or any action that is illegal or immoral inside or outside of club functions are deeds that are unacceptable on the New York Sharks Swim Team.

If a swimmer or any member of his/her family violates the Code of Conduct inside or outside of the club activity, then on notice to them, the swimmer and his/her parent/guardian must appear before a special committee (Head Coach and coaching staff board if applicable) within ten (10) days notice to them of the charges. At that appearance, this Ad Hoc Committee of three people appointed by the New York Sharks Executive Board and/or his/her designee will have the opportunity to discuss the allegations with the swimmer and his/her parent/guardian. The rules of evidence will not apply, as this is not a formal legal proceeding. Thereafter, the committee will report to the Executive Committee what appropriate action they recommend.

Swimmer's Signature

Date

Swimming is a family commitment. New York Sharks parents/guardians must maintain a Code of Conduct that is conducive to the objectives of the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date