

Steel City Aquatics Coach Code of Conduct:

The purpose of this [code of conduct](#) for coaches is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff of the club. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship.

- At all times, adhere to USA Swimming's rules and code of conduct, and all club policies and rules.
- Set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow.
- Act and dress with professionalism and dignity in a manner suitable to his/her profession.
- Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants, and spectators with respect.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship.
- Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
- Win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
- Be engaged and focused on all swimmers at practice, and providing feedback on stroke improvement and technique as needed.
- Do not use your phone or other electronics after warm up or before warm down- during any practice, unless in the event of an emergency where the phone call or electronic response can not wait for an after practice response.
- Always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance.
- Continue to seek and maintain your own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
- Always maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete.

Any complaints of a coach violating this code of conduct should be brought to the attention of his/her supervisor and/or the club's board of directors by e-mailing president@steelcityaquatics.org