

Florida Elite Swimming Code of Conduct for participant:

As a swimmer of the Florida Elite Swimming team, I will abide by the following Code of Conduct (COC):

1. I will conduct myself with dignity and respect for others, including the property of others.
2. I will be on time (10-15 min early) and in the water promptly for practice, training sessions, and meets. I recognize that tardiness impacts not only myself, but also my teammates. I will be prepared and ready for the events I am signed-up to swim at meets.
3. I will comply with all team rules when participating in a Florida Elite Swimming activity.
4. As a matter of team pride, I will leave the team area in a neat & clean condition at the conclusion of each practice session and meets. I understand this also applies to pool locker/restrooms, pool decks, etc.
5. I will practice and teach good sportsmanship.
6. I will promote positive team spirit and morale.
7. I will offer congratulations and encouragement to our opponents.
8. I will support my teammates at practice and at competition. Working together as a unit will benefit each team member and is an important part of our Florida Elite Swimming spirit.
9. I will follow verbal directions of the coaching staff. I acknowledge that at no time will disrespectful attitudes from any swimmer be tolerated.
10. I will respect the rights and physical space requirements of other groups using the swimming facility.
11. I will follow the Code of Conduct at home meets, at away events and at any time where I represent Florida Elite Swimming.

Prohibited Behavior:

I understand that at NO time will the following be accepted: (If you see it, report it to a coach or parent)

1. Use or possession of any illegal substance (i.e. alcohol, drugs, tobacco).
2. Destructive behavior.
3. Inappropriate or unruly behavior, including horseplay, fighting or striking another athlete.
4. Inappropriate language (swearing, derogatory comments, or language of a sexual nature) or lying.
5. Stealing or vandalism.
6. Bullying, insulting, intimidating or isolating another swimmer.
7. Interference with the progress of another swimmer during practice or at any other time.
8. Use of electronics (e.g., iPhones, iPods, tablets, etc.) during practices.

9. The use of social media platforms such as Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, text messages, group chats, etc. in a manner that is negative toward any member of the Florida Elite Swimming family.

10. Any inappropriate or damaging electronic messaging.

Consequences for violation of the Code of Conduct:

This code shall be in force for all Florida Elite Swimming swimmers during practices, swim meets, events and in any situations where Florida Elite Swimming is represented.

Disciplinary action: if a member fails to adhere to the Code of Conduct in part or in whole, disciplinary action may include:

- Reprimands
- Being sent home from practice or meets at the parents' expense
- Suspension or expulsion from the team
- Being barred from competition
- Any disciplinary action that the Coaches/Board deems necessary

Suspension:

Coaches may suspend a swimmer from practice for disciplinary reason for a maximum of three (3) practices. Coaches may also recommend to the board that a swimmer be expelled from the club if in his/her judgment, the swimmer is unable to conform to the disciplinary guidelines established for swim practice and club participation.

General Safety and Behavior:

All swimmers are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and act as appropriate ambassadors for Florida Elite Swimming. They should act as role models for other swimmers at all times. The Board of Directors reserve the right to terminate the membership of any individual whose behavior places Florida Elite Swimming in an unfavorable light or jeopardizes our participation in any sporting event or ongoing pool use.