

SWAG COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

As a SWAG coach I pledge to abide by the following guidelines:

1. I will always make decisions based on the best interests of the athletes I coach; keeping their wellbeing, health, and safety at the forefront of everything we do
2. I will be a positive role model in the lives of the athletes I work with, using the sport of swimming to teach valuable life skills and lessons that will enable my swimmers to be successful long after they leave the pool behind
3. I will work together with my athletes to help them set goals, promote teamwork, and facilitate constructive evaluations of performances and practices
4. I will challenge my swimmers physically, mentally, and emotionally to be better each day, both in the water and in life
5. I will evaluate, instruct, correct, support, and champion every SWAG athlete
6. I will promote the development of the whole child by endorsing team social activities, community outreach and volunteering, and participation in additional athletic events
7. I will encourage and facilitate open and honest communication between myself and all SWAG members
 - a. I will invite parents to have an active role in their child's sport by keeping them updated on their athlete's progress, involving them in the decision making process when appropriate, and providing volunteer opportunities
8. I will conduct myself in a professional manner any and every time I am representing SWAG
9. I will coach in a positive manner and will never use derogatory comments or abusive language
10. I will bring my passion and love for the sport of swimming to every workout, meet, and event
11. I will treat all athletes, family members, coaches, officials, and volunteers fairly and with kindness and respect
12. I will be a constant student of the sport, continuing to further my coaching education in order to give my athletes the best techniques, training methods, and race preparations
13. I will be aware of and follow ALL USA Swimming Rules and Regulations as outlined in the latest publication of the rule book
 - a. I will educate my athletes and parents on the rules and regulations governing the sport of competitive swimming to enable our team to abide by all guidelines set forth by it's governing body, USA Swimming
 - i. I will instruct athletes in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship at all times
 - b. I will insure that members of SWAG Swimming comply with all USA Swimming rules and regulations at all times so that as a team we promote and exemplify fair competition and integrity for all athletes in the sport
14. I will be at my best and do my best in every moment I spend coaching for SWAG