

Chicago Wolfpack Aquatic Club Code of Conduct: Athletes

The purpose of a code of conduct for athletes is to establish a consistent expectation for athletes' behavior. All members of the Chicago Wolfpack Aquatics Club should remember that they are ambassadors of the sport of swimming and at all times should act and dress in a manner which reflects their pride toward themselves, their families, their team and the sport of swimming. Athletes should remember that swimming for the club is a privilege, and they are expected to portray themselves, their team, and their community in a positive manner at all times. By signing this code of conduct, I agree to the following statements:

- I will respect and show courtesy to my teammates and coaches at all times.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all practices and meets and to be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- I will set a good example of behavior and work ethic for my younger teammates.
- If I disagree with an official's call, I will talk with my coach and not approach the official directly.
- I will be respectful of my teammates' feelings and personal space. Swimmers who exhibit sexist, racist, homophobic or otherwise inappropriate behavior will be faced with consequences.
- I will show respect for all facilities and other property (including locker rooms) used during practices, competitions and team activities. Theft or destruction of others or facility property is grounds for dismissal from the team
- I will refrain from foul language, violence and behavior deemed dishonest, offensive or illegal.
- Bullying (physical, emotional or cyber/phone) will not be tolerated and will be handled in accordance with CWAC bullying policies.
- Athletes will not use social media to degrade, demean, or attack any team member, coach or CWAC families.
- At no time may any CWAC swimmer have possession of any dangerous weapons or possess/use alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs.
- I will obey all of USA Swimming's rules and codes of conduct.
- High school athletes must abide by all the rules of the high school they attend and all IHSA rules, seven days a week, throughout the year.
- College athletes must adhere to the same rules as high school athletes, as well as follow all the rules and guidelines prescribed by the NCAA and NAIA
- I will abide by the CWAC Team Handbook as well as the MAAPP Policy

I understand that if I violate this code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action determined by my coaches and the swim club's board of directors.

If a swimmer violates the Code of Conduct, the coaching staff will notify his/her parents. The coaching staff will review each case. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the coaching staff may recommend suspension of the swimmer from practices and meets (without a refund for the length of suspension) or termination from participation on CWAC (with a refund for the remaining portion of the season). In all cases, the Head Coach will communicate with the parents of the swimmer regarding the infraction and penalty.