

Westfield Aquatics Swimmer Code of Conduct

Westfield Aquatics is a swimming organization that believes teamwork, integrity, respect, and good sportsmanship are more important than winning. By electronically signing this Code of Conduct, you (parent and swimmer) agree to the following rules for behavior and sportsmanship while being a member of Westfield Aquatics.

The swimmer participating for Westfield Aquatics agrees to abide by the guidelines outlined below in addition to those established by the staff.

1. Swimmers are always expected to show respect to team members, coaches, competitors, officials, parents, and for all facilities and other property used during practices, competitions, and team activities.
2. All swimmers are expected to follow the directions of the coaching staff.
3. All swimmers are to be respectful of teammates' feelings and personal space. Bullying behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.
4. Dishonesty, theft, vandalism, or destructive behavior will not be tolerated.
5. Swimmers are not allowed to use cell phones, other mobile recording devices or other electronic devices while in the locker rooms. All such items must be stored in a secure location and must not be out/visible in the locker room area at any time.
6. Swimmers may follow Westfield Aquatics on social media sites but are not allowed to privately friend/follow coaches' personal pages on any social media site. Similarly, be aware that coaches are prohibited from following any swimmer on any social media site. Should any coach "friend you" or "follow" you on any social media platform inform any member of the board immediately.
 - o All electronic communication between a swimmer and a coach must also copy a parent/guardian unless the parent or guardian information is unavailable to the coach, in that case another coach must also be copied. There shall be no one-on-one communication between a coach and a swimmer or a group of swimmers without another coach copied.
7. Swimmers should arrive at the practice facility no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their workout time and should be picked up no later than 5 minutes after practice time is over.
8. Any swimmer in Developmental or Age Group 2 is to be walked into and out of the pool area before and after each practice by an adult. No swimmer should be dropped off at any time unless the parent knows a coach is present.
9. Swimmers are not allowed in any areas of the school other than the workout facilities and the halls that lead to them. During workouts, swimmers are not permitted to leave the pool area without the coach's permission.
10. The use of any tobacco products, the use or distribution of any drugs or alcohol are strictly prohibited.
11. Physical altercations or any other action that threatens the health of the swimmer or their teammates is strictly prohibited.

Sanctions:

The coaches have the authority to impose the following penalties for violation of the Westfield Aquatics Code of Conduct. The penalties include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The swimmer may be given a verbal warning.

2. Prohibited behavior in the locker rooms may result in loss of locker room privileges.
3. The swimmer may be sent home with a written warning and the coach will contact the parent.
4. The swimmer may need to be accompanied by a parent at practice for four (4) consecutive days.
5. If the swimmer continues his/her prohibited behavior, he/she may be suspended for one (1) week. There will be NO prorated fees.
6. If the swimmer's disciplinary problem continues, the swimmer and parent may be asked to meet with a coach and a board representative to discuss the problem further. This may result in a suspension longer than one week.
7. Any damage to school or team property may result in the financial liability of the swimmer's family.
8. Any gross violation of the swimmer code of conduct including but not limited to the use or distribution of drugs or alcohol, violence or any other behavior that threatens the physical wellbeing of the swimmer or others may result in a disciplinary hearing by the board and could result in the athletes's removal from the team.

You (parent and swimmer) agree that if you violate any of these rules, you will be subject to disciplinary action determined by the coaches and the board, which may include expulsion from the team.

Your agreement is indicated electronically via the team registration.