

Topeka Swim Association Athlete Code of Conduct

Topeka Swim Association, Inc. ("TSA") is made up of over 100 swimmers ranging in age from 5 to 18 years. These swimmers represent many different swimming abilities. Despite the differences, the one thing shared by all is that they must conduct themselves in a manner which shows respect for other swimmers, swim coaches, officials and the facilities, whether at practice or at a meet. You, the swimmer, are representing not only yourself but also your family and your team. Everything you do, whether at swimming functions or outside of swimming, is reflected back on those associated with you.

The following code of conduct is a general outline of the type of behavior which all swimmers are expected to follow at all times. TSA recognizes that it is difficult to document all possible situations and therefore empowers the coaches to discipline for any instances that are disruptive to the productivity of the overall group at practice or at meets.

As an athlete member of the program, I promise that:

1. I will listen to coaches and I will not disrupt team practices or meetings;
2. I will not use profanity (swearing);
3. I will not physically or verbally abuse any other swimmer, coach or official;
4. I will respect the equipment and personal belongings of others, and will not use any other person's equipment without permission;
5. I will not take part in unsportsmanlike conduct such as taunting, overt celebration, etc.
6. I will not deliberately damage or misuse equipment or facilities; and
7. I will not make comments of a derogatory nature (including comments that may be viewed as sexual harassment), nor will I take part in public displays of affection.

I understand that failure to comply with these rules will subject me to immediate contact of my parents and disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the coach on deck.

At the discretion of the coach, disciplinary action may include removal from up to one week of practice including any meets or club functions that occur in that time frame. If more extensive discipline is required, the coaches' committee and the Board of Directors (the "Board") will determine suspension on a case-by-case basis.

The following are examples of actions that are subject to immediate suspension from TSA and review by the coaches' committee and the Board to determine if expulsion is appropriate. Other actions potentially are subject to suspension or expulsion at the direction of the coaches committee and the Board.

1. The use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products affecting any club activity;
2. Conviction for any unlawful act;
3. Theft of TSA, facility or swimmer property; or
4. Extreme demonstration of disrespect to property or individuals related to TSA activity.

Swimmer Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____