

# ACE Athlete Code of Conduct for Meets

**Purpose:** The purpose of this *Code* is to promote the best possible team and individual impression at all times and to acknowledge each individual's responsibilities at meets of ACE Swimming.

## Part I. General Conduct:

1. All participating ACE members shall abide by this *Code of Conduct*.
2. Club travel policies must be signed and agreed to by all athletes, parents, coaches and other adults traveling with the club. (USA Swimming Rule Book 305.5 D)
3. All ACE members shall be chaperoned by a parent or adult responsible for them. Team managers and chaperones must be members of USA Swimming and have successfully passed a USA Swimming administered criminal background check (USA Swimming Rule Book 305.5 B)
4. Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling or spouse of that particular athlete (USA Swimming Rule Book 305.5 A)
5. Two persons of the opposite sex shall not be in the same hotel room with the door closed without an adult present.
6. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/ her parents (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach (USA Swimming Rule Book (305.5 C)
7. Any established curfews will be strictly obeyed unless athlete has contacted the coach for an extension.
8. The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is forbidden.
9. The use or possession of drugs other than those prescribed by your physician is forbidden.
10. The use or possession of tobacco products is forbidden.
11. The use or possession of fireworks is forbidden.
12. Indiscreet or destructive behavior will not be tolerated. Every effort should be made to avoid guilt by association with such activities.
13. Swimmers will treat their membership on the team as a privilege and personally acknowledge those responsibilities associated with it.
14. Swimmers are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Swimmers are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, a restaurant, or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/ knowledge of the coach or chaperone.
15. The rules of all other governing swimming bodies shall be followed.
16. All local, state and federal laws shall be followed.

## Part II. Violation of the Code:

Any ACE coach has the power to impose penalties for the violation of the Code. The Head Coach or his/her designee shall make a written report of travel policy or code of conduct violations to the appropriate club leadership and the parent or legal guardian of any affected minor athlete.

The penalties include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The swimmer will be scratched from the meet.
2. The swimmer will not be allowed to attend any future sessions of the meet.
3. The swimmer has twelve hours from the time of the violation(s) to return home at the expense of the swimmer.
4. Within 30 days, the ACE Swimming Board of Directors shall convene to review the violation(s) and decide if and what additional remedies shall be taken.

I hereby agree to abide by the rules of conduct set forth in Part I above and acknowledge that, should I violate any provision of Part I, I will be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth in Part II.

Swimmer: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print name*

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name*