

EDGE Swim Club Team Policies | Code of Conduct



The EDGE Swim Club is respected in both New England and USA Swimming for our top-notch sportsmanship, great team spirit, and excellent performance at all competitions. The EDGE Swim Club will maintain this reputation by following the code of conducts of New England and USA Swimming

New England Swimming Code of Ethics

It is expected that:

1. coaches, swimmers, officials, parents and other spectators will behave in an appropriate sportsmanlike manner at all times and follow all N.E. rules and policies.
2. the swimming community will follow the intent as well as the letter of the 'rules
3. acts of unsporting, or unsafe conduct or behavior, will be considered a breach of ethical standards
4. coaches, parents, swimmers and officials will know and adhere to pool and meet safety requirements

SWIMMERS WILL:

1. not interfere, with another swimmers training, warm-up or race
2. respect each other's ability and dignity
3. be respectful to coaches, officials and other meet/team personnel
4. give an honest effort in all competitions

COACHES WILL:

1. strive to set example of the highest ethical and moral conduct
2. take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse
3. be acquainted with the rules and will not try to gain an advantage by circumvention of the spirit/letter of the rules
4. not directly or indirectly recruit another team's swimmers unless the coach is first approached by the swimmer or his/her family (an open tryout time is permitted). If a swimmer (or parent) contacts a coach about changing teams, the swimmer should be encouraged to discuss the situation with his/her parents and their current coach
5. keep membership and certifications current (including all assistant coaches)
6. not offend others by their actions, language or dress
7. be accurate and honest in registrations, meet entries, and in adhering to warm-up procedures

OFFICIALS WILL:

1. be knowledgeable about the rules and keep current on any changes
2. be fair and unbiased in their application of the rule
3. set an example to the swimmers and coaches by their demeanor
4. dress appropriately
5. realize that they are at meets to benefit the swimmers and act accordingly
6. keep membership current

CLUBS WILL:

1. not interfere in the internal organization/ affairs of other clubs
2. encourage coaches to remain until the end of a season, unless dismissal is warranted by a breach of a contract or the ethics code
3. treat their coaches and swimmers with respect
4. discharge their administrative obligations to New England Swimming and other clubs in a timely fashion



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OTHER:

Theft, vandalism, unsportsmanlike conduct or any other breach of this ethics code by competitors or non-competitors at the swimming venue will not be tolerated. Individuals or groups whose behavior is distracting to the competition will, at the discretion of the meet committee, be asked to leave the facility.

If any individual or group displays unsportsmanlike behavior repeatedly at USA/NE sanctioned events, they will be subject to the action by the NE Board of Review.

Any breach of the ethics code may be subject to a hearing by the NES Board of Review and punishment may be up to and including expulsion from NES.

USA Swimming Code of Conduct

All EDGE Swim Club parents, swimmers, and coaches are expected to adhere to article 304 of the 2017 USA Swimming Rulebook.

A link to the USA Swimming Rulebook is provided on our [EDGE Team Policies](#) page under **About EDGE**.

Penalties/Consequences for Violations

Failure to follow the New England Swimming and USA Swimming Code of Ethics and Conduct may result in the following penalties and consequences based on the coaching staff's judgment of the severity of the infraction: A warning to the athlete and the athlete's parent/legal guardian, a dismissal from practice, restrictions/suspensions from team activities, suspension/dismissal from the team.