**BUFFALO AREA AQUATIC CLUB**

**COACHES’ CODE OF CONDUCT**

The purpose of this code of conduct for coaches is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff of the club. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship.

* At all times, adhere to USA Swimming’s rules and code of conduct.
* Set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow.
* Act and dress with professionalism and dignity in a manner suitable to the profession.
* Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
* Treat opposing coaches, participants, and spectators with respect.
* Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship.
* Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
* Win with humility and lose with dignity.
* Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
* Always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance.
* Continue to seek and maintain their own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
* Always maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete.

Any complaints of a coach violating this code of conduct will be brought to the attention of his/her supervisor and the Board of Directors. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the club’s Bylaws.

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