

River City Aquatics Code of Conduct

The mission of River City Aquatics (RCA) is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of swimming. RCA grants the privilege of membership to individuals and their families who are committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be denied or withdrawn by RCA at any time when determined that a member or prospective member's past or current conduct or the conduct of his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) is inconsistent with the mission of the organization and/or not in the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

With respect to such conduct, please answer the following questions:

Has the member or prospective member ever been suspended or expelled from school?

Yes No (if Yes, please attach explanation)

Has the member or prospective member ever been asked or required to leave a sports team or club because of his/her conduct or the conduct of his/her parent(s)/guardian(s)?

Yes No (if Yes, please attach explanation)

In order to assist all members to better serve the interests of those who participate in swimming, RCA has adopted this *Code of Conduct* which supplements any and all requirements, policies, and regulations of USA Swimming. Any member or prospective member may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from RCA if such member violates the provisions of the *Code of Conduct*, (or any policies, requirements, or regulations of USA Swimming) or aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the RCA *Code of Conduct*.

The following shall be considered violations of the RCA Code of Conduct:

1. Discrimination which conflicts with RCA's ability to provide: "an equal opportunity to amateur athletes; coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in amateur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, or national origin."
2. Any sexual conduct, advance or other inappropriate sexually oriented behavior or action directed towards an athlete by (i) a coach, athlete member, or other non-athlete member, or (ii) any other adult participating in any capacity whatsoever in the affairs or activities of RCA (whether such adult is a member or not). Any nonconsensual physical sexual conduct, or pattern of unwelcome advances or other sexual harassment in connection with or incidental to a RCA-related activity by any person participating in the affairs or activities of RCA (whether such person is a member or not) directed toward any member or other person participating in the affairs or activities of RCA.
3. The sale or distribution of illegal drugs or the illegal sale or distribution of any substance listed on FINA's recognized list of banned substances.
4. The use of illegal drugs by an athlete, coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over an athlete.
5. The providing of alcohol to an athlete by a coach, official, trainer, manager or any other person

where the athlete is under the legal age allowed to consume or purchase alcohol in the state where the alcohol is provided.

6. The abuse of alcohol in the presence of an athlete under the age of 18, by a coach, official, trainer of, or a person who, in the context of swimming, is in a position of authority over that athlete.

7. Physical abuse of an athlete by any person participating in the affairs or activities of RCA, whether such person is a member or not.

8. Any act of fraud, theft, deception or dishonesty in connection with any RCA-related activity.

9. Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any of the RCA coaches, staff members, board members, athletes, parents, or any other person participating in any capacity whatsoever in the affairs or activities of RCA (whether such person is a member or not.)

10. Any non-consensual physical contact, obscene language or gesture, or other threatening language or conduct directed towards any meet official and which is related to any decision made by such official in connection with a USA Swimming-sanctioned competition.

11. Violation of any team misconduct rule as established by the USOC, USA Swimming, any Zone or LSC team authority.

12. Any other material and intentional act, conduct or omission not provided for above, which is detrimental to the image or reputation of RCA, USA Swimming, a LSC or the sport of swimming.

Swimmer Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____