

Florida Swimming Code of Conduct

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This event is held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Florida Swimming. The athletes, officials, coaches, volunteers, parents and spectators attending shall conduct themselves within the rules of these organizations, including Article 304 of the Rules and Regulations of USA Swimming – Code of Conduct. The guidelines listed below, which are not intended to be exhaustive, shall be adhered to at all meets in Florida Swimming.

Expectations:

- ❑ Respect for all persons and property.
- ❑ Respect for facilities and equipment.
- ❑ Respect for all staff, volunteers, and officials.
- ❑ Adherence to the rules and regulations of the venue in which the event is held.
- ❑ The following are strictly prohibited:
 - Cursing, swearing, racial remarks or any other form of verbal abuse.
 - Fighting or any other form of physical abuse.
 - Use or possession of non-prescription controlled substances or intoxicants.
 - Use or possession of any weapons.
 - Use of tobacco products.

Authority: USA Swimming has the following among its Codes of Conduct:

304.3.12 It is a violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct if there is 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 competition.

304.2.15 It is a violation of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct if there is any other act, conduct or omission which is detrimental to the image or reputation of USA Swimming or the sport of swimming.

Florida Swimming, the sanctioning agent of USA Swimming, has the following rule:

Section 239.2

Any individual displaying unsportsmanlike or disrespectful conduct in violation of the Florida Swimming Code of Conduct at a sanctioned or approved competition may first be warned, along with the Coach of Record for the team that individual represents, by the Referee or by Meet Management to cease such conduct. If the conduct is serious, or continues after the warning, the individual may be ejected from the pool deck and the venue. Ejection is at the discretion of the Meet Manager/Director or the Meet Referee.

In addition to ejection, the Meet Manager or Meet Referee shall report the incident in writing to the FS General Chair and the FS Executive Director, within 7 days of the incident. Subsequent to such report, the team with whom the person ejected is associated shall be fined as follows:

- 1st ejection assessed to a team in any 12 month contiguous period--\$100
- 2nd ejection assessed to a team in any 12 month contiguous period--\$250
- 3rd ejection assessed to a team in any 12 month contiguous period--\$1000

Any further incidents in a 12 month contiguous period shall result in the team being suspended from competition at any FS sanctioned or approved meets for a period of 75 days from the date of the incident.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS WILL RESULT IN A GREAT MEET!

Pre Meet Announcement for Swim Meets:

Welcome to all athletes, coaches, officials, parents, volunteers, and spectators to this USA Swimming sanctioned event.

Good sportsmanship by all participants is a tradition at swim meets in Florida. Please help us keep swimming a sport we can be proud of, by demonstrating good sportsmanship and respect toward all participants and officials. If parents or spectators have questions or concerns, please express them to your teams coach.

Disrespectful behavior can result in removal from the venue.

Thank you, and have a great meet!