

VIRGINIA GATORS ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of a code of conduct for athletes is to establish a consistent expectation for athletes' behavior that contributes to creating a safe, supportive environment for all members. It is a privilege to represent the Virginia Gators, therefore each swimmer is expected to adhere to certain rules in order to participate on the team. By signing this code of conduct, I agree to the following statements:

- I will respect and show courtesy to my teammates and coaches at all times.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all practices and meets.
- I will set a good example of behavior and work ethic for my teammates.
- I will be respectful of my teammates' feelings and personal space. Swimmers who exhibit sexist, racist, homophobic, or otherwise inappropriate behavior or physical contact will be faced with consequences.
- I will not leave the pool area during practice sessions without the coach's permission.
- I will show respect for all facilities (including locker rooms) and personal property used during practices, competitions, and team activities.
- I will refrain from foul language, fighting, violence, and behavior deemed dishonest, offensive, or illegal.
- I will not possess or use alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, or weapons on Virginia Gator premises or at team events and meets.
- I will not make any visual or audio recordings in locker rooms, behind the starting blocks, or other areas where swimmers expect privacy.
- If I disagree with an official's call, I will talk with my coach and not approach the official directly.
- I will obey all of the rules outlined in [USA Swimming's Code of Conduct](#).
- If I witness any swimmer, coach or other adults associated with Virginia Gators violating any of the above rules, I will report the violation to another coach or a club board member.

I understand that if I violate this code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action determined by the coaches and the Virginia Gators Board of Directors, which could result in censure, probation, fine, or loss of membership.