



Alaska Swimming Code of Conduct



The USA Swimming Code of Conduct (Article 304 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations) asserts that membership is a privilege and not a right and provides a clear statement of member responsibilities. The U.S. Center for SafeSport shall adjudicate violation of the SafeSport Code.

In addition, Alaska Swimming Incorporated (ASI) has developed the following Code of Conduct for all persons associated with Alaska swimming. It is preferable that violations of this Code of Conduct are handled at the club level. ASI has the right to intervene when clubs fail to enforce this Code of Conduct.

- All athletes, coaches, officials, parents/guardians, supporters, and spectators shall be treated with respect and dignity, in a fair and appropriate manner.
- All members shall have equal opportunity to participate and strive for success in a safe and healthy environment.
- All members shall be dedicated to the proper physical, mental, and emotional development of the athletes.
- All members shall promote and encourage the importance of fun, fitness, and safety, as well as the competitive aspects of the sport of swimming.
- Any use of obscene, racial, vulgar language, or verbal abuse to anyone during any practice or event will not be tolerated and may result in immediate removal from the practice/event. Depending on the severity of the incident, additional disciplinary action may be taken.
- Taunting, intimidating, harassing, demeaning, or defaming of athletes, coaches, officials or spectators by the use of written or verbal communication including social media will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Code of Conduct for Athletes

Each athlete must sign and date a copy of the ASI Code of Conduct and annually re-affirm their consent to uphold and abide by this Code before participating in events conducted by ASI or representing ASI in any manner, directly or tangentially. If the athlete is under 18 years of age, the athlete's parent or guardian must also sign and date this code of conduct.

- I. The following provisions pertain to all registered ASI athletes at practices, meets, camps, meetings, and clinics in or outside the state of Alaska, or the use of social media or other means of communication to interact with or about another member of USA Swimming.
 - A. Athletes shall exhibit good sportsmanship, including electronic communication at all times.
 - B. Athletes shall follow ASI rules adopted by the Alaska Swimming House of Delegates.
 - C. Athletes shall show respect for all property (i.e. vandalism, theft, defacement of property, etc. will not be tolerated).
 - D. Athletes shall behave in a responsible manner and are prohibited from possessing or using alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, weapons, and banned substances.

- II. Failure to comply with this Code will result in any or all of these disciplinary actions.
 - A. Suspension from ASI.
 - B. An athlete may be sent home from the meet or camp.
 - C. An athlete and/or his or her family may be financially responsible for any damage caused by the athlete.
 - D. An athlete and/or their parents may be required to repay the portion of the trip/camp being subsidized by ASI for any violation of this Code.
 - E. An athlete may be suspended from membership in USA Swimming, subject to the National Board of Review.

I acknowledge that I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to uphold and abide by this Code as a condition of membership in Alaska Swimming.

Signature of Athlete(s)

Printed Name

Date

Signature of Guardian (required for athletes <18)

Printed Name

Date
