

## LEVITTOWN SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

## COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The Levittown Swimming Association adheres to a strict Code of Conduct to ensure the safety and well-being of our participants and encourage proper sportsmanship as we work to develop the skills and character of the youth in our community. The Code is not intended to limit or restrict a coach's ability to lead and teach those assigned to their pool, but is designed to establish a consistent public posture that is above reproach.

Parents agree to this Code of Conduct when they sign the Registration Form. In doing so, they acknowledge that all participants are subject to it and agree to do their part to ensure they and their children abide by it.

As a Coach, you are expected to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are responsible for reporting any violations to the <u>Board of Supervisors</u>. This can be done directly or through your Head Coach or Section Vice President. Activities not expressly included in the Code of Conduct which violate the spirit of the Code should also be reported for further investigation. Disciplinary action, if warranted, is at the discretion of the Board and may include being banned from participation at future practices and meets.

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- 1) The physical or verbal abuse of any swimmer by a Coach, Parent or other person connected to the organization is specifically forbidden. Physical abuse is defined as including (but not limited to) hitting, slapping, kicking, jerking, shaking or any other physical contact with the swimmer designed to discipline or humiliate. Verbal abuse is defined as any screaming or terminology directed at a swimmer with the intent of humiliating or demeaning the swimmer.
- 2) Profanity, obscenities, smoking (including vapor products), the drinking of alcoholic beverages or consumption of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited around the swimmers (meets and practices).
- 3) Any display of poor sportsmanship, such as aggressive or profane abuse directed at Swim Officials, Meet Directors, Volunteers or any other person, from the sidelines is also forbidden. Only the Head Coach (or acting Head Coach) is allowed to speak to officials. Parents and Assistant Coaches are forbidden from speaking to or criticizing the officials. Booing is not allowed under any circumstances.
- 4) Regarding the competitive nature of the swim meets, it is the obligation of Parents and Coaches to model correct sportsmanship to the swimmers regardless of the outcome. Coaches, Parents and Swimmers should be gracious in both victory and defeat. Taunting will not be tolerated. Parents and Coaches should emphasize and reward effort above winning and losing. Compliments should be freely given regardless of outcome.

Pool				
☐ Acorn	□ Bluegrass	☐ Jerusalem	☐ Slate	☐ Wolcott
☐ Azalea	☐ Carman	☐ Parkway	□ West	□ None