

2011 SDST SWIMMER/PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

Swimmer(s) therefore agrees:

1. I will swim for fun and will work hard to improve my skills.
2. I will always respect the rules, my opponents, coaches and officials, and never argue with any decisions.
3. I will not boo, taunt, or yell negative comments about my team, my coach, the opponents or the officials.
4. I will support and respect my teammates and tell them when they are swimming well.
5. I will arrive on time for all practices and meets and let the coach know in advance if I will be absent, arriving late or leaving early.
6. I will not engage in horseplay or other activities that might distract from or bring dishonor to myself, my team or community at practice or meets and/or that might lead to injury of other swimmers, coaches, officials or other individuals.
7. I will remain on deck or with my parents or other supervising adult during meets.
8. I will swim in the events and heat assigned to me at meets that my coach asks me to.
9. I will always remember that winning isn't everything and that as long as I try to do my best I am always a winner.

Parent/Guardian therefore agrees:

10. I will inform the coach/team of any physical disability that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
11. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship, respect, courtesy and support for all swimmers, coaches, officials and spectators at practice and meets.
12. I will demand that my child treat other swimmers, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
13. I will respect the officials and never question or confront officials or coaches at meets.
14. I will refrain from coaching my child during meets and practices.
15. I will volunteer to help with meets so that my child and others can have an enjoyable experience.

We also agree that if we fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, we will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning;
2. Written warning;
3. Probation for a period of time up to the end of the season;
4. Suspension for one or more meets;
5. Suspension for the rest of the season.

If a child is suspended the league will be notified in writing of the suspension and the reasons for it.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Swimmer

Date: _____

Signature of Swimmer

(Adopted 4/17/03; reviewed 4/11)

Signature of Swimmer