



## Three Village Swim Club Swimmer Code of Conduct

### Overview

Three Village Swim Club offers a competitive environment, providing our swimmers with positive life skills, values and ethics in a climate that demands dedication, responsibility, self-discipline, cooperation, a positive work ethic and respect for others. **ALL** swimmers must respect differences and show a personal commitment to the goals of the team necessary to achieve success. It is vital that each swimmer understands and accepts their role on the team. Throughout the years, the TVSC has taken great pride in the character, behavior, and citizenship of each of their swimmers. Every swimmer and their parent should aspire to continue this tradition of excellence

### Code of Conduct

The purpose of a code of conduct for athletes is to establish a consistent expectation for behavior. **As a TVSC swimmer, and by signing this code of conduct, I agree to the following rules for behavior and sportsmanship:**

- 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 younger teammates.
- I will be respectful of my teammates' feelings and personal space. Swimmers who exhibit sexist, racist, homophobic, or otherwise inappropriate behavior will be faced with consequences.
- I will attend all team meetings and training sessions, unless I provide an explanation to or am excused by my coach.
- I will show respect for all facilities and other property used during practices, competitions, and team activities.
- I will refrain from foul language, violence, and behavior deemed dishonest, offensive, or illegal.
- 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 USA Swimming's rules and codes of conduct.

**Sportsmanship** is of paramount importance and should occur at all times, whether at practice, at meets, or at other public events at which a swimmer is representing TVSC.

**Respect** for all teammates, opposing swimmers, officials, and spectators at all times. Foul language, "trash talking," obscene gestures, and insulting remarks, in any forum either in person or online, are not acceptable behaviors. All swimmers must respect the integrity, safety, dignity and diversity of others and their property.

**Cooperation.** Swimmers and parents are expected to follow the rules and protocol of TVSC and should not intentionally violate the integrity of the Club.

- Any form of hazing, bullying, or harassment will not be tolerated. Swimmers found to have committed any act of harassment will be subjected to disciplinary action. Team members are encouraged and expected to notify their coach or a member of the Board of Directors if such behavior occurs.
- Please remember to adhere to the following guidelines:
  - Respect your teammates.

- Respect your coaches.
- Respect the officials.
- Respect the volunteers.
- Respect other swim teams.
- The coaching staff will be responsible for determining the nature of any offense and assign a disciplinary action. Escalation to the Board of Directors will be exercised when necessary.
- The swimmer and his/her parent will be given the opportunity to discuss the charge and disciplinary action with the coach and Board President (or selected Board representative) if requested.

I understand that if I violate this code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action determined by my coaches and the TVSC Board of Directors.