

# Southern Maryland Swim League

## Code of Conduct

The purpose of the SMSL Code of Conduct is to ensure that SMSL can provide a positive environment for the development of swimmers, regardless of age or ability.

As a member of one of the swim teams associated with the SMSL, I understand and will comply with the following guidelines:

### Swimmer

1. I will represent my swim team with excellence, team spirit, good sportsmanship, and politeness at all times.
2. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including physically or verbally abusive behavior.
3. I will refrain from the use or possession of weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or any substance banned by USA Swimming or FINA.
4. I will strive at all times to respect others, including coaches, other swimmers and their families, regardless of team affiliation. I will also respect swim officials, timers and other individuals at swim meets, following SMSL guidelines if, and when, there is a conflict.
5. I will respect and care for the property of others, including: personal property, swim equipment, team equipment, and the entire pool and locker room of the participating facilities.

### Parent/Guardian

1. As a parent/guardian and volunteer, I acknowledge that I am a role model, and accept my responsibility to be a model of good sportsmanship.
2. I will show respect for all swimmers, coaches, officials, spectators and other volunteers.
3. I will refrain from engaging in all types of disrespectful behavior, including physically or verbally abusive behavior.
4. I will refrain from the use or possession of weapons, alcohol, tobacco products, illegal drugs, or any substance banned by USA Swimming or FINA.
5. If a conflict arises, I will follow the guidelines established by the Southern Maryland Swim League. I will bring the issue first to the coach and allow him/her to handle it according to SMSL by-laws. If the issue is not resolved sufficiently, the issue may be brought to the team's SMSL parent rep who may present it to the SMSL President and Board.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to adhere to the SMSL Code of Conduct. Any disregard for any part of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by the Southern Maryland Swim League, which may include removal from or exclusion from SMSL sponsored events.

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Swimmer (print name)

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Parent/Guardian (print name)

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Signature                      Date

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