



GATEWAY SWIM CLUB PARENT HANDBOOK

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GATEWAY SWIM CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Gateway Swim Club athlete, I recognize and agree to conform to this Code of Conduct at all times when representing the Gateway Swim Club. This includes all activities during regularly scheduled practice time, at swim meets, or other Swim Club functions.

1. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or controlled substances by any athlete is prohibited.
2. Team members will attend all team functions, including meetings and competitions unless excused by the appropriate coach.
3. Athletes will not leave a meet or scratch an event without the approval of the appropriate staff member.
4. Team members will refrain from any inappropriate or illegal behavior, verbal or non-verbal that would detract from a positive image of Gateway Swim Club and USA Swimming. This includes all school district property, hotel, host facility, vans and or bus transportation.
5. Athletes will display proper respect and sportsmanship towards coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors and the public. Bullying is strictly prohibited.
6. Athletes will follow USA Swimming Electronic Communication and Social Media best practices as outlined in the electronic communication policy.
7. In keeping with USA Policy Article 305.3, use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone camera, are not allowed in changing areas, rest rooms, or locker rooms. Use of said devices is prohibited as stated and must remain non-visible.

Regarding out of town or overnight team travel, the following code of conduct will apply to athletes in addition to those items listed above:

1. A nightly curfew will be established by the coaching staff and will be adhered to each day of travel.
2. To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be NO male athletes in female athlete rooms, and NO female athletes in male athlete's rooms UNLESS the door is unlocked and open at all times. Those athletes staying with their parents are instructed to follow the same rules regarding non-family members.

All athletes and parents will read and sign this Code of Conduct

IMPLEMENTATION

1. All athletes will read and sign this Code.
2. Any Swim Club athlete who, after being given an opportunity to present his/her version of an alleged violation with this code of conduct, shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including the following:
 - a. Suspension from regular practice sessions
 - b. Removal of athlete from competition or from the club
 - c. If a violation occurs while the Club is on an out of town or overnight travel, the athlete will be immediately sent home at the expense of the athlete and/or family. Strict compliance is mandatory. All controlled and any other illegal substances will be turned over to the local law enforcement agency.
3. An athlete's family will be notified as soon as possible if there is a violation of Code of Conduct. A meeting will be scheduled with the appropriate staff, athlete and parent for continued infractions, as needed.

Persons present while any violation occurs must leave immediately or be considered and reprimanded as a participant by choice.

Gateway Swim Club, the coaches, Parents Association Board and volunteers are released from any and all claims and liability, costs and expenses arising out of or resulting from the procurement of medical treatment for said child as aforementioned.