

# Northwest Swim Circuit Code of Conduct

The Northwest Swim Circuit was formed with the objective of helping young swimmers to develop: physical fitness, self discipline, self confidence, proficiency in competitive swimming strokes, a determination to do one's best and good sportsmanship. The expectation of the Executive Board is participants will exhibit the highest standards of sportsmanship at all times while participating in all NWSC and member club affiliated events. Every participant, including swimmers, coaches, officials, board members, parents and spectators, has a responsibility to behave in a respectable manner and to comply with and support the Code of Conduct.

While attending and/or participating in any NWSC or member club affiliated practice or event, no individual shall:

- At any time strike, shove, threaten to strike or lay a hand upon an official, swimmer, coach or spectator.
- Engage in an abusive, verbal attack upon any official, swimmer, coach or spectator on or off the pool area.
- Use trash talk, profane, obscene or vulgar language, or gesture under any circumstances, on or off the pool area.
- Engage in an objectionable demonstration of dissent or unsportsmanlike conduct such as throwing equipment or any other forceful action.
- Refuse to abide by an official's decision

Any violation of the above policy will result in the following action at the discretion of the Home Meet Director:

**First Offense** – Ejection of the person(s) from the meet/event by the Meet Director

**Second Offense** – Suspension of the person(s) from any and all meets or events for the remainder of the current swim season

If this individual is acting in the capacity of a coach or meet official at the time of the offense then the additional sanctions will be as follows:

**First Offense** – Ejection of the person(s) from the meet/event by the Meet Director

**Second Offense** – Suspension of the person(s) from participating in an official capacity at any and all NWSC sanctioned events for the total of one year from the date of infraction.

**Third Offense** – Suspension of the person(s) from participating in an official capacity at any and all NWSC sanctioned events for life.

*\*Any violation will be reported in writing to the vice president of the NWSC Executive Board either by electronic or traditional mail prior to the next NWSC sanctioned event or within 30 days of infraction if occurrence is at the last sanctioned event for the swim season.*

By signing below, I do hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by the *Northwest Swim Circuit Code of Conduct*.

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Parent/Guardian/Coach/Official Signature	Date		Date
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Parent/Guardian/Coach/Official Signature	Date		Date
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		Swimmer(s) Signatures)	Date