

# USA Swimming Code of Conduct

## Purpose:

To protect athletes, ensure a safe environment, and promote respect, integrity, and sportsmanship within all USA Swimming–affiliated activities.

## Applies to:

All swimmers, coaches, officials, volunteers, and members participating in USA Swimming–sanctioned events.

## Standards of Conduct:

### 1. Respect & Integrity

- Treat all participants with respect, regardless of race, gender, ability, or background.
- Uphold honesty in all communications and actions.

### 2. Safety & Well-being

- Prioritize the physical and emotional safety of all athletes.
- Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, or inappropriate behavior.

### 3. Substance-Free Environment

- Prohibit use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, or illegal drugs during team activities.

### 4. Bullying & Harassment

- Strictly forbid verbal, emotional, physical, or cyberbullying.
- Encourage reporting of unsafe or harmful conduct.

### 5. Sexual Misconduct & Boundaries

- Zero tolerance for sexual harassment, misconduct, or inappropriate contact.
- Maintain appropriate adult-athlete boundaries at all times.

### 6. Travel & Lodging

- Adhere to team travel policies, including supervision rules and consent forms.

### 7. Compliance with Laws & Policies

- Follow all USA Swimming rules, SafeSport guidelines, and applicable laws.

## Disciplinary Actions:

Violations will result in sanctions ranging from verbal warnings to suspension or permanent dismissal, depending on severity.

## Acknowledgment:

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.