

BCSA Code of Conduct

ATHLETE

The following Code of Conduct should be read and followed by all Berks County Swimming Association athletes:

As a member of the Berks County Swimming Association, I understand and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times while I am representing my BCSA team.

I will:

1. Offer congratulations to my opponents, win or lose, and cheer on my teammates
2. Act and conduct myself with dignity while demonstrating respect for others and the property of others
3. Promote good sportsmanship while striving for positive team spirit
4. Deal justly, kindly, impartially, and honestly with all fellow team members

while involved in any Berks County Swimming Association sanctioned meet or practice.

I will not:

1. Cause or threaten physical or verbal harm to another athlete, coach, official, or parent.
2. Possess, use, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals, or illegal drugs.
3. Behave in a manner that in the opinion of my coaches and the BCSA is harmful to the reputation of my pool, team, or the BCSA.

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PARENT

The following Code of Conduct should be read and followed by all Berks County Swimming Association parents:

As a parent of an athlete of the Berks County Swimming Association, I understand and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct at all times.

1. Practice teamwork with all parents, athletes, and coaches by demonstrating the values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility.
2. Allow the coaches to instruct the team and athletes at practice and meets. Rely on the coaching staff for technique and race strategy. Refrain from coaching my child or any other athlete as it puts them in a precarious situation. Address all questions regarding technique and race strategies to the coaches at a prearranged time.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by conducting myself in a manner that earns the respect of my child, other athletes, parents, officials, and the coaches at the meets and practices.
4. Maintain self-control at all times. Allow athletes to perform, coaches to coach, officials to officiate, and parents to parent.
5. Understanding that criticizing, name-calling, use of abusive language or gestures directed toward the coaches, officials and/or any participating athlete or parent will not be permitted or tolerated, and that I may be asked to leave the pool area.
6. Enjoy involvement with your athlete's team by supporting the athletes, coaches, and other parents with positive communications and actions.
7. Direct all questions or concerns regarding decisions made by the meet officials to a member of your coaching staff. Parents may not address officials.

Should I conduct myself in such a way that brings discredit or discord to the Berks County Swimming Association and/or your team, I agree to voluntarily leave the pool area at any meet or practice.