

Westfield Aquatics Code of Conduct: Coach

The purpose of this code of conduct for coaches is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff of Westfield Aquatics swim club. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive and safe team environment and good sportsmanship.

- At all times, adhere to USA Swimming's rules and code of conduct.
- Set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow.
- Act and dress with professionalism and dignity in a manner suitable to his/her profession.
- Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants, and spectators with respect.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship.
- Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
- Win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
- Always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance.
- Continue to seek and maintain their own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
- Always maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete.
- Adhere to all the Westfield Aquatics Safe Sport policies and procedures
- All electronic communication between coaches and athletes must be transparent, accessible and professional
 - All electronic communication to an athlete must also copy a parent/guardian unless the parent or guardian information is unavailable to the coach, in that case another coach must also be copied. There shall be no one-on-one communication between a coach and a swimmer or a group of swimmers at any time.
- Coaches may not friend/follow athletes on any social media site and may not accept requests to be friended/followed on any social media sites by any athlete.
- Athletes should not ride in a coach's vehicle without another adult present who is the same gender as the athlete, unless prior parental permission is obtained.
- Swimmers must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or other designated adult for overnight travel with the Westfield Aquatics team.

Any complaints of a coach violating this code of conduct will be brought to the attention of his/her supervisor and/or the Westfield Aquatics board of directors.

Signature _____ Date: _____