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## CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Southland Swim Association (SSA) Swim League Code of Conduct is to establish standards of conduct that competitors, officials, and parents are expected to uphold while participating in SSA League swim meets and/or \_\_\_\_\_ swim practices/events. It is the goal of the SSA that these standards of conduct be incorporated into the daily management of SSA teams. Any individual with a complaint should be directed to a SSA League Representative or designee.

1. All participating SSA teams will abide by the SSA Code of Conduct.
2. The SSA has **ZERO TOLERANCE** for disrespectful, discriminatory, disruptive, bullying, indiscreet, and/or destructive behavior language and music at a swim meet, swim practice, or swim social event. It is the responsibility of a team manager, coach, competitor, or parent, to make every effort to not engage in such activities and to avoid guilt by association with such activities.
3. No team manager, coach, competitor, family member, guests or parent, shall act in an unsportsmanlike manner during an SSA event. This includes but is not limited to the following
  - Making insulting or derogatory remarks, gestures, or acts, including taunting.
  - Trying to influence or showing disgust with the officials' decisions.
  - Using obscene language.
  - Vandalizing property and/or
  - Coaching, swimming or volunteering under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs during a swim meet or swim practice.
4. SSA teams must maintain orderly conduct at all times including after-meet celebrations.
5. The reporting of a violation to the SSA Code of Conduct will be to a SSA League Representative or designee.
6. The SSA Board of Directors will be consulted when a team, competitor, parent, coach, team manager, has been involved in an offense. This may result in barring the offender(s) from further participation in SSA league activities.

## VIOLATION OF THE SSA CODE OF CONDUCT

At the discretion of a meet referee/starter and/or SSA League Representative(s) or designee(s), any violation of this Code of Conduct may result in one or all of the following penalties:

- A warning may be issued to the offending party. However, a warning is not required for disciplinary action. The individual(s) involved may be asked to leave the premises:
- A meet or practice may be suspended until the offender(s) complies with the instructions of the SSA League Representative(s) or designee(s):
- An offending party may lose future meet participation opportunities:
- An offending party may be barred from future involvement with the SSA:

We, hereby agree to abide by the rules of conduct, as set forth above, and acknowledge that should we violate any provision of the SSA Code of Conduct, we may be subject to disciplinary action.

_____ Signature of Swimmer/Coach	_____ Team Name	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	_____ Team Name	_____ Date