



TEAMGOLDUSA

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Character before results — unity, respect, excellence.

TEAMGOLDUSA PARENT & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Purpose Parents and guardians are critical partners in building a positive, athlete-centric culture. This Code of Conduct describes how parents and spectators are expected to support athletes, coaches, and the TEAMGOLDUSA community.

1. Core Principles As a parent/guardian or spectator, I will: • Support my swimmer's long-term development, not just short-term results. • Let coaches coach, officials officiate, and athletes compete. • Model respect, integrity, and good sportsmanship at all times. • Support Safe Sport and MAAPP boundaries, including communication and travel rules.

2. At Practices & Meets I will: • Refrain from coaching my swimmer from the stands or pool deck. • Cheer positively for all swimmers; never ridicule, shout at, or embarrass any athlete. • Respect officials and accept their decisions without confrontation. • Follow facility rules and staff directions at all times. • Keep personal conversations and behavior appropriate for a youth sports environment.

3. Communication & Conflict I will: • Address concerns or questions calmly and at appropriate times, not during meets or in front of athletes. • Use the appropriate channels: coach first for training issues, then Safe Sport Coordinator or board if needed. • Avoid posting negative comments about athletes, coaches, officials, or families on social media. • Discuss concerns with my swimmer in a supportive way, avoiding blame or shame.

4. Safe Sport & MAAPP I understand and support: • USA Swimming's Safe Sport Program and the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP). • Limits on one-on-one interactions between adults and minor athletes. • The need for observable and interruptible interactions, especially in vehicles, locker rooms, and electronic communications. • My responsibility to report any suspected abuse, misconduct, or policy violations in good faith.

5. Partnership with Coaches and the Team I will: • Ensure my swimmer arrives on time, prepared, and safely leaves the facility after practices and meets. • Encourage my swimmer to communicate with coaches respectfully about goals and progress. • Volunteer when able to support meets, events, and team operations. • Help create a welcoming environment for new families.

6. Consequences I understand that failing to follow this Code of Conduct may result in: • Verbal or written warnings. • Being asked to leave a practice, meet, or event. • Restrictions on attending team activities. • Possible removal of my swimmer from the team in serious or repeated cases.

7. Acknowledgment & Signature I have read and understand the TEAMGOLDUSA Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct. I agree to follow these expectations and support a positive environment for all swimmers.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____ Parent/Guardian
Signature: _____ Date: _____ Athlete Name(s): _____