



## **PACIFIC COAST SWIMMING**

### **SWIMMER CODE OF CONDUCT**

This policy is inclusive of all levels of swimmers.

While it is impossible to specify in precise terms all those actions that could be deemed to be prejudicial to swimmers the following provides an indication of the standards of behavior that, if contravened, are likely to be considered breaches of the Code:

- Swimmers should strive for excellence (according to their ability).
- Swimmers should respect the achievements of opponents.
- Swimmers should adhere at all times to standards of behavior that reflect well on Pacific Coast Swimming and UVic-Pacific Coast Swimming Association in particular, and competitive swimming in general.
- Swimmers are responsible for treating other Pacific Coast Swimming, UVic-Pacific Coast Swimming Association and Swim BC members with respect within the context of their activity regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, economic status or ability.
- Swimmers shall not engage in any behavior that could be construed as hazing.
- Swimmers shall not engage in any behavior that could be construed as bullying, physical, emotional, or verbal harassment of any person.
- Swimmers shall refrain from using the internet in any way that may discredit Pacific Coast Swimming, UVic-Pacific Coast Swimming Association; or any individual person such as a coach, teammate, or opponent.
- Swimmers should refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while participating in local clubs, Swim BC or Swimming Canada sanctioned activities/events.

- Swimmers should refrain from criticism of coaches, fellow swimmers, parents and officials. When comments are made, swimmers have an obligation to ensure such comments are made judiciously, reflective of the facts, supportable and sensitive to the situation(s).
- Swimmers should not use tobacco, alcohol or other drugs that affect their physical ability, mood or behavior, unless prescribed by a physician for medical purposes.
- In the case of persons of legal drinking age, consume alcohol outside of the competition only with the permission of the trip coach and/or manager; and be aware that they jeopardize funding eligibility (both current and future) and membership with Swim BC if found to be abusing alcohol in and around competition.
- Differences of opinion between swimmers will be dealt with by the senior coach present; while more serious disputes may be referred to the Pacific Coast Swimmers and Parents Association Board for resolution.