

## Coaches Code

OA Coaches are expected to:

- Act in the best interests of all athletes, instilling skills and values that will improve their swimming/water polo abilities. Design practices to help athletes meet their goals, and provide suggestions and criticisms to help athletes improve their abilities.
- Make themselves reasonably available to parents and athletes to discuss progress and concerns when requested.
- Be respectful of parents, athletes, and board members. This includes not engaging in threatening or abusive behavior or use of foul/inappropriate language when speaking to or about others.
- Encourage parents and athletes to demonstrate good sportsmanship toward each other as well as toward other teams. Coaches will correct unsportsmanlike behavior as it occurs, and model appropriate behavior.
- To demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, verbal and/or physical aggression, or any other behavior that may be deemed unsafe or inappropriate around children.
- Treat officials and opponents with respect.
- Coaches will follow all articles of the USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the USA Water Polo Code of conduct.