

Suburban Swim League Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Suburban Swim League Code of Conduct is to ensure all officials, coaches, swim team representatives, swimmers and spectators treat each other with respect, courtesy and professionalism. It is the goal that the adults set the standards for our swimmers that compete and that these standards be incorporated into the daily management of all teams within the league. Any individual with a complaint should be directed to the SSL representative or their designee who will take the complaint to the meet referee or the SSL Protest Committee. Individuals should not approach any situation without the knowledge of the SSL representative.

1. All teams participating in the Suburban Swim League will abide by this code of conduct.
2. Team members, parents, coaches, officials, and SSL representatives should be respectful of one another. Anyone acting disrespectfully will be asked to immediately change or stop their behavior. If the individual does not comply, the individual will be asked to leave the facility, out of sight and sound, for the remainder of the meet. A Code of Conduct Resolution form will be filed with the SSL President within 24 hours of the removal.
3. Team members, parents, coaches, officials, and SSL representatives are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Un-sportsmanlike behavior includes but is not limited to:
 - 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.
 - Any act of fraud, deception or dishonesty in connection with any SSL activity.
 - Physical abuse of any kind.
4. If a team member, parent, coach, official or SSL representative has repeated offenses, the SSL Protest Committee will be consulted for further actions that can include removal from further participation in the league.

I, _____, the Suburban Swim League Representative for _____ Swim Club, a member pool of the Suburban Swim League, agree to the above Code of Conduct. I understand it is my role to disseminate this information to my team. I understand my role in the conflict resolution as it pertains to the above listed code of conduct.

How to Resolve Code of Conduct Issues

Issues that arise prior to the start of the competitive season

Any issue that arises prior to the start of the competitive season should be brought to the attention of the Protest Committee by the member pools SSL representative via a Code of Conduct Resolution Form. The committee will investigate and issue a resolution back to the SSL representative.

Issues that arise during a meet

1. Any issue that arises during an SSL meet should be brought to the attention of the Meet Referee by the Head Coach, SSL Representative or designee. Assistant Coaches, parents and swimmers should not approach the Meet Referee. Should the Meet Referee be repeatedly approached by anyone other than the above listed, they will be removed from the facility. When approaching the Meet Referee, all parties shall:
 - a. Remain calm and professional and leave emotion out of the discussion.
 - b. Once the call has been discussed and a decision has been made, the meet should continue. Discussions regarding the decision should not be discussed with swimmers or spectators. Should discussions continue following a decision, those involved can be removed from the facility.
 - c. Should the Head Coach, SSL Representative or designee remain unsatisfied with the final decision of the Meet Referee, they can complete a Code of Conduct Resolution form at the conclusion of the meet. The meet should never be discontinued because this form will be completed. The form must be signed and filled out by the Head Coach, Meet Referee and all SSL representatives involved. The form will then be reviewed by the Protest Committee and a final recommendation will be made. The final recommendation will ONLY be communicated to the SSL representative for each team involved.
2. Every attempt should be made to resolve issues at the meet.