

# North Brandywine Swim League

## 2011 General Code of Conduct Rules

The purpose of the North Brandywine Swim League Code of Conduct is to establish standards of conduct that our swimmers, officials and parents are expected to uphold while participating in sanctioned swim meets of the NBSL. It is the goal of the NBSL that these standards of conduct be incorporated into the daily management of the teams within the league. Any individual with a complaint should be directed to the NBSL representative or designee who will take the complaint to the meet referee if warranted.

1. All participating teams will abide by this code of conduct.
2. Disrespectful, indiscreet or destructive behavior at a swim meet will not be tolerated.
3. No team personnel, competitor or spectator shall act in un-sportsmanlike manner. 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.
  - **Physical Abuse, defined as any unwanted physical contact including but not limited to, shoving or striking a person before, during, or after a meet.**
4. The use of tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, or drugs other than those prescribed by a physician, are not permitted within the pool deck area prior to, during, or after the meets.
5. No individual shall direct the modification of disqualification cards following the final approval by the meet referee.
6. No individual shall modify the ribbons or medals awarded to swimmers at preliminaries or championships.
7. Each team shall maintain orderly conduct at all times, including after-meet celebrations.
8. No team personnel/competitor shall enter the water without the referee's approval.
9. The reporting of a violation to these codes of conduct will be through the team's NBSL representative or designee, to the meet referee, **and written documentation will be presented to the NBSL Executive Committee within 24 hours.**
10. In an individual swimmer, coach, NBSL representative or designee, or team has repeated offenses, the NBSL officers will be consulted for further actions, to include barring the offender from further participation in the league activities.

## **Enforcement of The Code of Conduct Rules**

**At the direction of an NBSL Representative or designee, or** at the discretion of the meet referee and/or the designated lead official, any violation of this code of conduct shall be communicated to NBSL reps of all attending teams and will result in any one or all of the following penalties:

1. A warning **will** be issued to the offending party. After receiving one warning, if the behavior continues, the individual(s) involved **will be required** to leave the premises.
2. The swimmer **will** be scratched from the meet and **required** to leave the pool deck.
3. The parent or spectator will be **required** to leave the meet.
4. The coach will be **required** to leave the meet.
5. The meet will be suspended and not resumed until there is compliance with the instructions of the lead official **or NBSL Representative**.

## **Penalties for Infractions**

1. **Physical abuse: Immediate ejection and suspension from all NBSL sanctioned events. Reinstatement application is subject to NBSL Board approval.**
2. **All other violations which result in an ejection from an NBSL sanctioned event will also incur a minimum suspension from the next NBSL meet. This suspension can carry over to the following calendar year. A second violation which results in an ejection from an NBSL sanctioned event will result in suspension. Reinstatement is subject to NBSL Board approval.**
3. **Multiple warnings directed at an individual will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the NBSL Board.**

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**2010 General Code of Conduct Swim Team Agreement**

My signature below indicates that I have read and fully understand and agree to uphold the terms of the 2010 NBSL Code of Conduct while participating in or attending any NBSL sanctioned event.

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**Name of Swim Club**

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Swim Club President (print name)

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Swim Club President (signature)

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NBSL Representative (print name)

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NBSL Representative (signature)

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Head Swim Coach (print name)

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It is mandatory for each Swim Club to return the signature page with the required signatures prior to the start of the 2010 swim season. **No Swim Team will be permitted to participate in an NBSL sanctioned event until the completed signature page has been returned to the NBSL board.** The President of each pool should review the Code of Conduct with the board members of the pool.

Please keep in mind that the purpose of the Code of Conduct is to ensure a positive experience for our swimmers and all other participants. Thank you for your dedication and support of our swimmers!