

Platinum ***Aquatics***

PLAT Coach Code of Conduct

Organization: Platinum Aquatics (PLAT)

Purpose: To establish consistent expectations for all members of the Platinum Aquatics coaching staff. Coaches are role models and leaders responsible for fostering a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all athletes. This code serves as a guide for promoting good sportsmanship, professionalism, and athlete well-being.

Professional Conduct

- Abide by all USA Swimming, Gulf Swimming, and Platinum Aquatics rules, policies, and the USA Swimming Code of Conduct.
- Maintain professional appearance, language, and behavior at all times.
- Demonstrate respect for athletes, parents, officials, spectators, and fellow coaches.
- Represent Platinum Aquatics with integrity and uphold the values of the organization.

Safe Sport & Athlete Protection

- Prioritize athlete safety, health, and well-being above competitive success.
- Maintain professional boundaries with athletes, following all MAAPP (Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy) guidelines.
- Report any concerns regarding athlete safety or misconduct immediately to the Head Coach, Safe Sport Coordinator, or appropriate authorities.

Coaching Standards

- Set a positive example by promoting respect, discipline, and sportsmanship.
- Provide fair, unbiased coaching to all athletes regardless of ability or background.
- Use constructive, encouraging language; never engage in yelling, belittling, or abusive behavior.
- Win with humility, lose with dignity, and teach athletes to do the same.

Ongoing Development

- Stay current with certifications, including USA Swimming membership, background check, APT (Athlete Protection Training), CPR/First Aid, and safety training requirements.
- Seek continuous improvement through education, mentorship, and professional growth opportunities.

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Violations

Any complaints or concerns regarding violations of this code will be reviewed by the Head Coach and/or Board of Directors. Consequences may include verbal warnings, suspension from coaching duties, or dismissal, depending on the severity and nature of the infraction.

Safe Sport Compliance

Platinum Aquatics is committed to upholding the principles of **USA Swimming's Safe Sport Program**, including respectful communication, healthy boundaries, and shared responsibility. All parents are encouraged to review the **Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP)** and uphold Safe Sport standards.

 View the full MAAPP policy here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/safe-sport>