

New Canaan YMCA

Competitive Aquatic Teams

Code of Conduct

The mission of the New Canaan YMCA (NCYMCA) competitive teams is to encourage participation and the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of the sport and encompasses the ideals of the four core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. NCYMCA grants the privilege of membership to individuals and organizations committed to that mission. The privilege of membership may, therefore, be withdrawn or denied at the discretion of the NCYMCA at any time where NCYMCA determines that a member or prospective member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate.

The following standards will be upheld at all times by all athletes involved in the NCYMCA competitive aquatics programs. Failure to abide by these standards will result in action taken by the NCYMCA. A first offense will mandate a parent/coach meeting to discuss the athlete's behavior. A Second offense will result in a parent/coach meeting and a possible one week suspension for that athlete from the YMCA. A third and final offense of these standards will result in expulsion from the YMCA with no refund. In the case of vandalism a monetary fine will be assessed as well. An infraction of any of the following standards is considered an offense.

- Athletes will treat their coaches, teammates, chaperones, opponents, meet officials, and all other YMCA employees with respect at all times.
- Athletes will refrain from participating in any illegal activities, including, but not limited to using alcohol or any other illegal drug throughout the season. Any incident resulting in public arrest may warrant immediate expulsion from the NCYMCA.
- Athletes are to use the boys and girls locker rooms unless they are over the age of 18 or have special permission to use other changing areas, and will treat the shower areas, locker rooms, and all New Canaan YMCA property with respect at all times.
- Athletes will treat all meet facilities with the same respect that they show the facilities of the New Canaan YMCA. This includes hotel rooms and any other place that the team visits.
- Athletes must enter the water only when told to do so by the coaches, and must never enter the water when a coach is not on deck.
- Athletes will refrain from indecent language or actions that would embarrass the program, team or coaches at the YMCA, in public and on the internet.

TRAVEL ONLY

- Athletes may not leave the team at any time without permission from the coaching staff. Doing so will result in disqualifications from one or more events. A second offense will result in the athlete being dismissed from the meet/event and sent home at their parent's expense.
- A curfew will be established by the coaching staff at the meet/event. Violating curfew will result in disqualifications from one or more events. A second offense will result in the athlete being dismissed from the meet/event and sent home at their parent's expense.
- Rooms must be kept clean. Failure to do so may result in a monetary fine.
- Members of the opposite sex are prohibited from entering each others rooms without a chaperone present. Violation of this policy will result in disqualifications from one or more events. A second offense will result in the athlete being dismissed from the meet/event and sent home at their parent's expense.
- Athletes will respect and obey, without question, the chaperones' directives for both safety of the individual and the harmony of the team. Violation of this policy will result in disqualifications from one or more events. A second offense will result in the athlete being dismissed from the meet/event and sent home at their parent's expense.
- All athletes will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that detracts from the image of the NCYMCA or is detrimental to our performance objectives. Any violation of this sort will result in immediate dismissal from the meet/event and suspension from the team for the remainder of the calendar season. No refund will be awarded and coaches retain the right to withhold the release of the athlete.
- The coaching staff reserves the right to create any additional guidelines at the site of the meet/event.
- ***ANY INFRACTION OF THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE ACTION AND PRIOR TO THE RETURN TO THE PROGRAM A PARENT/COACH CONFERENCE MUST BE HELD.***

Athlete's Name: _____
PLEASE PRINT

Athlete's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____