

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

OST Coaches are expected to:

- Act in the best interests of all swimmers, instilling skills and values that will improve their swimming abilities. Design practices to help swimmers meet their goals, and provide suggestions and criticisms to help swimmers improve their abilities.
- Make themselves reasonably available to parents and swimmers to discuss progress and concerns when requested.
- Be respectful of parents, swimmers, 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 swimmers 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.