Coach Code of Conduct

***The purpose of this Coach Code of Conduct is to establish a consistent expectation for the coaches of Irish Aquatics. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship***.

* At all times, coaches will adhere to the team policies, including the MAAPP and USA Swimming’s Code of Conduct.
* Coaches will set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow.
* Coaches will act and dress with professionalism and dignity in a manner suitable to his/her profession.
* Coaches will respect officials and their judgement and abide by the rules of the event.
* Coaches will treat opposing coaches, participants, and spectators with respect.
* Coaches will instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship.
* Coaches will coach in a positive manner and will not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
* Coaches will win with humility and lose with dignity.
* Coaches will treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
* Coaches will always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance.
* Coaches will continue to seek and maintain their own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
* Coaches will always maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete.
* Coaches will maintain open lines of communication with parents regarding team issues and respond to parent calls/emails in a timely manner (ideally within 24-48 hours).

Any complaints of a coach violating the IA Coach Code of Conduct will be brought to the attention of his/her supervisor and/or the club’s Board of Directors. **This Code of Conduct is agreed to by a coach upon accepting employment by Irish Aquatics.**