

# FSSL – Sportsmanship

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In support of the League's Rules of Competition and mission statement, this document serves as a general guideline to member teams for the League's views on good sportsmanship for swimmers, parents, coaches and officials. The League's objectives are to provide competitive swimming programs for children of member swim clubs and pools and promote love for the sport, advance aquatic skills, teamwork, and the principles of good sportsmanship.

Individual swim team policies and enforcement for sportsmanship and conduct are at the discretion of each swim team.

## **Swimmer's:**

- To train and swim to the best of my abilities.
- Keep a positive can-do attitude.
- Arrive promptly and ready to go for all practices and meets.
- Refrain from the use of profanity, both in and out of the pool.
- Respect my coaches, teammates, and opponents and only give positive encouragement.
- Treat all officials/judges with proper respect and accept their decisions without argument.
- Accept coaching decisions without argument.
- Exhibit humility when winning and grace when losing.
- To remember that I represent my family, myself, my team, and my town with my actions, play and comments.
- I agree to swim on only one FSSL team per summer season.

## **Parent/Coach/Official:**

- Help swimmer(s) to meet all team expectations and commitments.
- Encourage swimmer(s) that doing their best is most important (improvement of times/strokes).
- Accept the line-up as determined by the coach.
- Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regards to swimmer's performance in the pool.
- Be respectful and courteous towards ALL officials/judges, swimmers, coaches and spectators. Parents/coaches/spectators who do not display appropriate behavior on the pool deck will be asked and expected to leave the pool deck.
- If concerns arise during a meet and you feel you need to speak to someone please address that concern with your TEAM REP. The Team Rep is the voice of the team to the officials.
- Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the swimmers above any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- Make sure that any family or friends attending meets with you adhere to the FSSL policies regarding spectator behavior.
- I agree to only allow my swimmer(s) to swim on one FSSL team per summer season.