



Code of Ethics and Values

The following Code of Ethics and Values applies to all SCWC Members and persons (defined as competitive, administrative, parents / caregivers / supporters) participating in Swimming Canterbury West Coast (SCWC) activities. This Code closely follows Swimming New Zealand Inc's Code of Conduct by which all registered SCWC members are also bound.

As a SCWC member you should meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any SCWC sanctioned activity:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing quality service and performance.
- Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to, standards, rules, regulations and policies.
- Operate within the Constitution, Regulations, Policies and Procedures of SCWC, SNZ, NZSCAT and FINA.
- Understand the possible consequences of breaching the SCWC Code of Ethics and Values.
- Immediately report any breaches of SCWC members to the appropriate authority.
- Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination, and victimisation towards others. Treat others as you would expect to be treated.
- Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the activity in accordance with relevant SCWC policy.
- Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- Be a positive role model.
- Do not provide comment to any media on behalf of SCWC or Swimming NZ Inc.
- Never act in any way that may bring disrepute or disgrace to SCWC members, its stakeholders and/or its sponsors, potential sponsors and/or partners.
- Do not participate (or benefit from assisting others involved) in sports betting or gambling activity associated with swimming events and/or swimming results in which you have been directly involved.

SCWC expects all members, supporters, advisors, staff and associates of SCWC to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values that upholds the principles and values of the organisation. Members should recognise that at all times they have a responsibility to a duty of care to all SCWC members.

In addition a

Team Manager will:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.
- Be responsible for the overall welfare and well being of team members and officials when travelling with a team.
- Maintain a 'duty of care' towards team members and be accountable for the management of the team.
- Have a sound working knowledge of SCWC Constitution, Regulations, and Policies, and ensure that the conduct of the affairs of the team is in accordance with these and or any other policies and guidelines determined by SCWC.
- Foster a collaborative approach to the management of the team.

Coach will:

Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every individual athlete as a human being:

- Treat everyone equally regardless of gender, disability, ethnic origin or religion.
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each athlete in order to help each athlete reach their full potential.
- Maintain high standards of integrity.
- Operate within the rules of your sport and in the spirit of fair play, while encouraging your athletes to do the same.
- Advocate a sporting environment free of drugs and other performance enhancing substances within the guidelines of the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency.
- Do not disclose any confidential information relating to their athletes without written prior consent.

Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes and act in a way that projects a positive image of coaching:

- All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes.
- Encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle – refrain from smoking and drinking alcohol around athletes.

Professional responsibilities:

- Display high standards in your language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation.
- Display control, courtesy, respect, honesty, dignity and professionalism to all involved within the sphere of sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Your relationship with athletes shall always and only be on a professional level.
- Accurately represent personal coaching qualifications, experience, competence and affiliations.
- Refrain from criticism of other coaches.

Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes:

- Seek continual improvement through ongoing coach education, and other personal and professional development opportunities.
- Provide athletes with planned and structured training program appropriate to their needs and goals.
- Seek advice and assistance from professionals when additional expertise is required.
- Maintain appropriate records.

Provide a safe environment for training and competition:

- Adopt appropriate risk management strategies to ensure that the training and/or competition environment is safe.
- Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Ensure that equipment, rules, training and the environment are appropriate for the age, physical and emotional maturity, experience and ability of the athletes.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured athletes.
- Allow further participation in training and competition only when appropriate.
- Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.
- Provide a modified training program where appropriate.
- Maintain the same interest and support toward sick and injured athletes.

Protect your athletes from any form of personal abuse:

- Refrain from any form of verbal, physical and emotional abuse towards your athletes.
- Refrain from any form of sexual and racial harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability.
- Any physical contact with athletes should be appropriate to the situation and as necessary for the athlete's skill development.
- Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards athletes from other sources while in their care.

Training Programme Deliverer will:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.
- Ensure characters (and their names) used in case studies, exercises and examples must be free from stereotypes and unlikely to cause offence.
- Ensure material and presenters discourage and prevent polarisation of participants.
- Ensure the training programme, content, process and/or activities must include all trainees and avoid giving an advantage to any one group over another.
- Verbal and non verbal language must be non-discriminatory.
- Training programme materials such as session plans, videos, handouts must be non-discriminatory and unlikely to offend.

Swimmer will:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.
- Never argue with or verbally abuse an official. Always use the appropriate rules and guidelines to resolve a dispute.
- Conduct yourself in a sportsman-like manner and respect fellow swimmers, coaches, managers, staff, officials and the achievement of opponents.

- Do not bully or take an unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, manager team mates and opponents.
- Refrain from possessing, consuming prohibited substances while in SCWC camps or on tours.
- Do not consume or purchase alcohol and tobacco while in SCWC camps or on Tours without the agreement of the Team Manager and Head Coach.
- Comply with training, competition, curfew and behaviour requirements directed by SCWC, while in camp or on tours.

Technical Official will:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of competition rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make the participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people
- Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Give all your people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Member, Administrator and/or Associate will:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with others.
- Be professional in all actions. Ensure that language, presentation, manner and punctuality reflect high standards.
- Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures.
- Maintain strict impartiality.
- Maintain a safe environment for others.

Parent/Caregiver/Supporter will:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Values.
- Remember that swimmers participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage young swimmers to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the swimmer's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage swimmers always to compete according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Remember that young swimmers learn best by example.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect official's decisions and teach swimmers to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators.