

New Trier Aquatics Athlete Behavior Guidelines

I, as a Competitor Member of the Aquatics (i.e., athlete) will comply with the following New Trier Aquatics Behavior Guidelines while attending any practice, function or competition as a member of NTA:

1. My possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products, controlled substances or other contraband is prohibited.
2. I must follow curfews that are established by the New Trier Aquatics or any of its coaches.
3. I will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior or language that would detract from a positive image of the NTA or would be detrimental to performance objectives.
4. I will display proper respect and sportsmanship towards coaches, officials, administrators, team members, fellow competitors, and the public.
5. I will follow all other behavior guidelines as established by NTA and its Coaching and Administrative staff.
6. I understand that electronic signature constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with the NTA Behavior Guidelines.

New Trier Aquatics Code of Conduct

The following rules constitute the code of conduct applicable to all club members and their parents. Any reference to “you” shall include each NTA athlete, parents and coaching staff.

1. All members of the NTA are members of the governing body for their sport. Any violation of the USOC committee Code of Conduct shall also be a violation of the NTA code of conduct. To the extent any rule below conflicts with any provision of the USOC Code of Conduct, the provision of the governing body Code of Conduct shall prevail.
2. You should conduct yourself appropriately at all times, including: displaying good sportsmanship, being safety conscious on deck and in the pool, respecting the facilities we use and the property of others.
3. You should treat coaches, club officials, administrators and other swimmers with courtesy and respect: foul or offensive language should never be used; negative or derogatory comments should be avoided.
4. When registering a complaint, you should wait 24 hours from the incident before bringing it to the attention of the coach, club official, or administrator. The purpose of this “24 hour rule” is to provide a cooling off period for all concerned.
5. Violations of the rules will result in disciplinary action. Such discipline may include, but not be limited to: First Violation: Written warning from coaches requiring signatures from swimmers and parents. Second Violation: One week suspension from the team at the sole discretion of the Head Coach. Third Violation: Swimmer’s case will be presented to the NTA Board with recommendation of immediate dismissal from the team with no refund of fees.

Additional Travel Meet Policy

This policy applies to any Official Team Travel, defined as overnight travel to a competition or other team activity that is planned and supervised by New Trier Aquatics.

Any member of NTA participating in Official Team Travel must agree to the following prior to the travel activity.

1. All Coaches, Team Managers and Chaperones must be members of the appropriate governing body and have successfully passed the appropriate criminal background check. A Team Manager or Chaperone is defined as anyone officially designated by New Trier Aquatics for the travel activity.
2. Regardless of gender, a coach shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with an athlete (unless the coach is the parent, guardian, sibling or spouse of that particular athlete).
3. When only one athlete and one coach travel to a competition, the athlete must have his/her parents' (or legal guardian's) written permission in advance to travel alone with the coach.
4. Athletes will not be transported in a coach's vehicle unless prior parental permission is obtained.
5. When athletes are paired for overnight stay in hotels or other housing arrangements, all paired athletes shall be of the same gender and should be of a similar age. When athletes are 12 & Under, chaperons and/or team managers may stay with athletes. Where chaperones/team managers are staying in a room with athletes, they shall be of the same gender as the athlete and written consent shall be given by the athlete's parents (or legal guardian).
6. Each chaperoned travel trip will have separate code of conducts, financial, liability and medical waivers that will be signed by athletes and parents prior to departure and kept on file with the traveling coaches.