

## Athlete Code of Conduct

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**Blairgowrie Dolphins ASC** is dedicated to creating a culture that nurtures the enjoyment and enthusiasm of every athlete within our club, through a safe and positive environment. We want to empower our athletes to base their conduct on a sense of personal integrity based on the acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, respect for others, moral conduct and a sense of what is right; where unethical behaviour, rule breaking, drug taking, or violence is automatically rejected as being irrelevant to the true purpose of the sport.

I agree to:

1. Be friendly and supportive, offer help if needed.
2. Practice and participate fairly and be trustworthy.
3. Behave with respect to others including coaches/teachers, venue staff, officials, other athletes, parents, team managers and spectators.
4. Respect the rules of my club, those of the facilities and Scottish Swimming.
5. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, disability, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
6. Always strive to do my best and refrain from inappropriate conduct towards others including physical, verbal, written or emotional, in person or through use of digital technologies and social media.
7. Be a positive role model and refrain from bullying and getting involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do.
8. Set a good example at all times in aspects of dress, punctuality, language, behaviour and respect of equipment and others.
9. Wear suitable kit.
10. Will not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind.
11. Abide by Scottish Swimming Acceptable use of Mobile Phone Policy and Social Media Guidelines.
12. Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations to a member of Club staff.

Our Club recognises that to create a supportive atmosphere, which allows everyone to compete / participate to the best of their abilities, it is important for athletes to know that while we have high expectations of their behaviour, they can expect the same in return from us.

**You have the right to:**

1. Be safe and happy while taking part in the sport in a protected environment.
2. Be respected and treated fairly and participate on an equal basis, appropriate to your ability.
3. Be protected from abuse by others from within or out with the club.
4. Ask for help.
5. Be believed.
6. Be listened too.
7. Be referred to professional help if needed.

Breaches of the Athletes Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the clubs' disciplinary procedures.

I understand that if I do not follow the Athletes Code of Conduct, any / all of the following actions (not an exhaustive list) may be taken by my club or Scottish Swimming:

1. Be required to apologise formally.
2. Receive a warning; verbal or written.
3. Be dropped or substituted.
4. Suspended by the club.
5. Be required to leave the club.

I have read and understood the above Code of Conduct and I agree to be bound by it:

Athlete Signed: .....

Name (print): .....

Date: .....