

BELLINGHAM BAY SWIM TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

~ Must be signed by swimmers and parent/guardian to participate ~

GENERAL

1. Swimmer agrees to try their best at all times.
2. The Bellingham Bay Swim Team (BBST) and USA Swimming abide by a zero tolerance policy concerning unauthorized drug use. Drugs are defined as alcohol, nicotine (cigarettes, chew, “dip”), or any non-prescribed drug.
3. Disrespect or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, administrators, coaches, other swimmers, and the public will not be tolerated. Disrespect is defined as ‘booing’, laughing at and/or speaking poorly of the skill level or other aspect of another swimmer, not returning congratulatory handshakes or comments, and inappropriate language, gestures, and behavior.
4. Inappropriate language, especially sexual in nature, will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated.

MEETS

1. Swimmers Entry into a meet is determined by the BBST meet entry deadline set by BBST Head Coach. After the BBST meet entry due date a swimmer may “deck enter” at the meet when permitted by meet host. BBST swimmers and/or parents are *not* permitted to enter meets outside of these 2 options.
2. Swimmers will arrive at meet at time determined by Head Coach, unless prior arrangements have been made with coaching staff, and report to their coach.
3. Swimmers will participate in warm-ups and warm downs as directed by coach.
4. Swimmers will participate in all events entered unless an agreement with the coach has been established to do otherwise.
5. All swimmers above Novice must have attended a minimum amount of practices the **three weeks prior** to the meet in order to participate:
 - Junior Group: two per week or seven total
 - Pre-Senior Group: three per week or eleven total
 - Senior Group: three per week or eleven total

Exceptions to be handled individually by Head Coach and direct Coach (if other than the Head Coach). Novice Group swimmers should consult with direct coach.

6. Team caps are required if a swimmer wears a cap.
7. BBST pays for all relay entry fees, however, a **swimmer will be charged** for entire relay fee if, due to his/her non-attendance (for reason other than illness/injury), a relay has to be cancelled. Exceptions to be handled by Head Coach.

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