



Livonia Community Swim Club (LCSC)

Safety, Conduct, and Shared Responsibility Agreement

Purpose

The Livonia Community Swim Club (LCSC) is committed to providing a safe, focused, and positive environment in which young athletes can train, grow, and enjoy the sport of swimming.

Swimming pools and pool decks require **heightened awareness, self-discipline, and good judgment**. Over time, LCSC coaches have consistently taught and reinforced clear safety expectations. Recently, however, there have been serious injuries resulting from unsafe behavior on deck, despite prior reminders and warnings.

This agreement is intended to:

- Reaffirm long-standing safety expectations
- Clarify individual and shared responsibilities
- Support a culture of attentiveness and respect
- Ensure the safety of all swimmers and teammates

1. Shared Commitment to Safety

Safety at LCSC is a shared responsibility among swimmers, families, coaches, and the Board. While coaches provide instruction, supervision, and guidance, **each swimmer's choices and behavior play a critical role** in maintaining a safe environment.

All swimmers are expected to behave in a manner that prioritizes:

- Their own well-being
- The safety of their teammates
- A deck environment that allows coaches to teach and supervise effectively

2. Deck and Facility Safety Expectations

The following safety expectations are **long-standing, clearly posted on deck, and regularly reiterated by coaches**. These expectations apply at all times—before, during, and after practices, meets, and club activities.

Swimmers agree to:

- Walk at all times on deck
- Refrain from horseplay, pushing, wrestling, or roughhousing
- Avoid climbing on lane lines, starting blocks, lifeguard stands, or equipment
- Enter the water only with coach permission
- Dive only when explicitly instructed by a coach
- Maintain awareness of surroundings at all times
- Follow all instructions from coaches and lifeguards promptly

These guidelines exist to prevent injury and ensure that the pool environment remains safe and orderly for everyone.

3. Coach Direction and Immediate Compliance

Swimmers understand that safety-related instructions from coaches and lifeguards require **immediate attention and compliance**.



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When a coach addresses unsafe behavior, it is intended to:

- Prevent injury
- Protect all athletes on deck
- Maintain a controlled training environment

Repeated reminders indicate a need for greater attentiveness and responsibility.

4. Responsibility, Awareness, and Good Judgment

By signing this agreement, swimmers and parents/guardians acknowledge that:

- Pool environments require consistent focus and self-control
- Most deck-related injuries are **preventable** when rules are followed
- Coaches cannot anticipate or intervene in every unsafe moment
- Sound judgment and disciplined behavior are essential parts of being a good teammate

Families and swimmers affirm their commitment to reinforcing these expectations and supporting a culture of safety, maturity, and respect.

5. Addressing Unsafe Behavior

When unsafe behavior occurs, coaches may take appropriate steps to protect the swimmer and others. Depending on the nature and frequency of the behavior, this may include:

- Removal from a practice session
- A conversation with the swimmer and/or parent
- Temporary restriction from practice or competition
- A required meeting with coaches and/or the Board

Repeated unsafe behavior, particularly after prior reminders, may result in more serious consequences, including suspension or removal from the program. These actions are taken to protect athletes—not to punish them.

6. Parent and Guardian Role

Parents and guardians play an important role in reinforcing safety expectations. By signing this agreement, parents/guardians agree to:

- Support coach authority regarding safety decisions
 - Reinforce deck safety expectations at home
 - Partner with LCSC in helping swimmers develop responsibility and awareness
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7. Safe Sport and Athlete Well-Being

Nothing in this agreement replaces or limits existing athlete protections, reporting obligations, or standards related to athlete well-being and Safe Sport policies. LCSC remains fully committed to maintaining a respectful, appropriate, and supportive environment for all swimmers.



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Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, we confirm that we have read and understand the expectations outlined in this agreement. We acknowledge the importance of disciplined behavior and shared responsibility in maintaining a safe and positive environment for all LCSC swimmers.

We understand that continued participation in LCSC activities depends on consistent adherence to these expectations.

Swimmer

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Guardian

Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____