

**SOUTHDOWN SWIM TEAM
SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT**

FORM Sportsmanship

ONE FOR EACH SWIMMER

Date: _____

Swim Season: 2004

Distributed by: Swim Team Committee at Registration

Sportsmanship is defined as an attitude of fair play and respect toward others. It can be further described as those behaviors of athletes, parents, spectators and coaches that demonstrates respect toward others.

I, _____, have received the Southdown Swim Team Sportsmanship Statement and agree to conduct myself in a manner which complies with this statement.

Athlete's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date: _____

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ATHLETE'S BEHAVIORS WHICH EXEMPLIFY A SPORTSMANSHIP LIKE ATTITUDE:

1. Athlete helping a fellow athlete and opponent.
2. Shaking hands with opponents after the meet.
3. Complimenting good performance of others including opponents.
4. Encouraging and helping teammates.
5. Following coaches directions.
6. Using polite language.
7. Behaving in a courteous manner to ALL ADULTS involved in the sport including coaches, officials, and spectators.
8. All athletes are expected to act in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner before, during and after the meet.

PARENT'S BEHAVIORS WHICH EXEMPLIFY A SPORTSMAN LIKE ATTITUDE:

1. Encourage team play through positive team comments.
2. Acknowledge teamwork and de-emphasize scoring or winning.
3. Use supportive language when referring to the coach or his/her decisions.
4. Model respect for authority with Swim Team Committee, coach(es), officials, etc.
5. Handle disagreements in a respectful and proper manner by using the established chain of command
 - a) Take your concern to the coach(es) first.
 - b) If unresolved, take your concern to the Swim Team Committee.
 - c) If the problem is still unresolved, then put your concerns in writing and present them to the Board of Directors of Southdown Pool at the next scheduled meeting.



COACHES BEHAVIORS WHICH EXEMPLIFY A SPORTSMANSHIP LIKE ATTITUDE:

1. Positive verbal acknowledgment of athlete's efforts.
2. Positive verbal acknowledgment of athlete's progress and/or skill level.
3. Emphasizing team and/or individual improvement.
4. Consistent use of positive coaching comments, i.e., "Good job, Good try, Way to hustle", etc.
5. Providing a positive model of respect for authority, i.e., the other coach, officials, Swim Team Committee, etc.
6. Demonstrating sensitivity toward less skilled athlete's needs through positive use of praise and encouragement.
7. Shall comply with the guidelines of the Central Maryland Swim League Handbook.
8. Shall distribute and obtain signatures on the Sportsmanship signature form from all athletes and their parents/guardians prior to the athlete practicing with the team.

AAU ATHLETES CODE OF HONOR

I promise upon my word of honor that I will not take an unfair advantage of an opponent, that I will be courteous in word and demeanor to opponents, officials and spectators, that I will observe the rules of the game in spirit as well as in letter, and that I will constantly strive to uphold the ethics of amateur sports.

AAU COACHES/VOLUNTEERS CODE OF HONOR

I promise upon my word of honor to help to create an environment in which primary emphasis is placed upon the emotional and physical well-being of all AAU athletes, rather than winning. I will lead by example, and will demonstrate the value of fair play and sportsmanship to all participants. Lastly, by becoming an AAU member, I agree to be bound by the AAU Code as well as all AAU operating procedures and policies.

SWIM TEAM COMMITTEE'S BEHAVIORS WHICH EXEMPLIFY SPORTSMANSHIP:

1. Shall be responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Sportsmanship Statement to all members registering on the swim team.
2. Provide copies of the statement to the Southdown Pool Board of Directors.
3. Provide copies of all completed and signed statements to the coach(es).
4. Monitor compliance with this policy through observations, surveys, and/or written or verbal reports.
5. Provide a positive role model for coaches, parents and athletes.
6. Shall exercise prudent, reasonable and fair distribution of athletes, equipment and facilities.
7. Make every attempt to deal with difficult situations and those associated with these situations diplomatically and sensitively.