

Mavericks Aquatic Association

Discipline Policy

Whereas the Mavericks Aquatic Association is established to promote the sport of swimming and in the process help to develop the character of the individual swimmers,

Whereas, for the orderly operation of the Mavericks Aquatic Association certain rules and regulations and procedures for enforcing same must be established,

Whereas, it is the expressed intention of the Mavericks Aquatic Association to set forth procedures that will aid in identifying behavior the club finds undesirable and define a process for addressing an alleged occurrence.

Therefore, be it resolved that the following shall be the Disciplinary Code & Procedures:

This Disciplinary Code shall apply to all behavior occurring during or at an activity or function that is associated with the Mavericks Aquatic Association including but not limited to: swim practice, swim meets, team trips, team outings, or individual group outings and addresses objectionable behavior by members of Mavericks Aquatic Association occurring outside of club activities.

A. Athlete and Parent Code of Conduct

Membership in Mavericks Aquatics Association is a privilege and swimmers and parents are expected to demonstrate leadership and behavior that furthers Mavericks' Codes of Conduct. This mandates that the individual swimmer is to be a credit to his/her team and a friend to her/his teammates, come to practice on time and complete workouts without horseplay or the harassment of other team members in the pool or locker room. The Mavericks Swimmer Code of Conduct will be reviewed and signed by all MAV swimmers. The Mavericks Parent's Code of Conduct will be reviewed and signed by all Mavericks Parents or Guardians.

B. Objectionable behavior shall be divided into three (3) classes:

1. **Class I** – Shall deal with the behavior that is considered very severe and disruptive, possibly life threatening and/or in direct violation of governmental laws. These are actions that are so detrimental that it is not desirable to have such a person associated with the team.
2. **Class II** – Shall deal with behavior that is considered disruptive; having a detrimental effect on one's self, other members of the team, or the general public; causes significant damage to the reputation of the club and/or their coaches; leading to the possible injury of self or other persons.
3. **Class III** – Shall deal with behavior that is somewhat disruptive; does not portray the Mavericks Aquatic Association in a good light; and other actions that are not in compliance for good behavior as a member of a team or society in general.

C. Implementation

1. **Class I Objectionable Behavior:**

Unacceptable Behavior (including, but not limited to): Sale or distribution of illegal drugs; conviction of felony and fighting that results in the severe bodily injury of any person (regardless whether at a club activity or not).

Disciplinary Procedure:

- Board shall send notice of hearing to parent/guardian and swimmer via certified mail.
- Hearing before quorum of Board of Directors with parent/guardian and swimmer being given the opportunity to be present; the facts shall be presented by the Board President or his/her designee; Head Coach shall be present in advisory role.
- Board decision to be mailed to the parent/guardian and swimmer within one week via certified mail.

Recommended Discipline:

May result in membership termination or other action as determined by the board of directors.

2. **Class II Objectionable Behavior:**

Unacceptable behavior as a member of the Mavericks Aquatic Association at Mavericks Aquatic Association team functions practices and meets. This behavior would include, but not be limited to: Possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, theft, or significant vandalism.

Disciplinary Procedure:

- Hearing before Disciplinary Committee consisting of three members of the Board of Directors chosen by a majority of the Board.
- Committee shall send notice of hearing to Parent/Guardian and swimmer via certified mail with parent/guardian and swimmer being given the opportunity to be present;
- The facts shall be presented by the Board President or his/her designee; the Head Coach shall be present in an advisory role.
- Board Committee decision to be mailed to the parent/guardian and swimmer within one week via certified mail.

Recommended Discipline:

1st Offense – Suspension* from the team for a minimum period of thirty (30) days of the swimmer's season (these days may extend into the swimmer's next season, if needed).

2nd Offense - Suspension* from the team for a minimum period of sixty (60) days of the swimmer's season (these days may extend into the swimmer's next season, if needed).

3rd Offense – Shall be considered a violation of Class I Objectionable Behavior and handled according to the disciplinary proceedings of Class I Objectionable Behavior.

* Terms of suspension shall be spelled by the Disciplinary Committee and must be adhered to by the swimmer/parents in order to be reinstated by the Committee at the end of the suspension period. During the periods of suspension, swimmers remain a member of Mavericks Aquatic Association and thereby all dues and fees are still due in full from the swimmer. The swimmer cannot be reinstated until any fees and/or dues that are in arrears are paid in full. Additionally, during periods of suspension, all work session requirements remain the responsibility of the swimmer and any missed session will be charged in accordance with the then current fee schedule.

3. **Class III Objectionable Behavior:**

Unacceptable behavior at Mavericks Aquatic Association practices, competitions and team functions that include, but are not limited to: minor vandalism, being disruptive in practices or meets, abusive language or behavior, insubordination to members of the coaching staff, chaperones, or others, littering, other acts of misconduct as determined by the coaching staff.

Disciplinary Procedure:

- Handled by the Coaching staff (Parents will be involved if anticipated discipline will result in a suspension).

Recommended Discipline:

As determined by the coaching staff (including but not limited to, extra laps, clean-up duties, suspension from practice, and/or suspension from meet(s)). Repeated Class III offenses may result in the offense being considered a Class II Objectionable Behavior.

During all investigations into allegations of Class I & II offenses, involving questioning or interviewing of the subject swimmer, a parent, or guardian of such swimmer shall be present.

D. Appeals Process

An appeal may be made for any Suspension (Level 2 and higher) to a Special Committee of the Board of Directors excluding any person directly related to the athlete.