



LANES (Liquid Assets New England Swimming)

Code of Conduct

Liquid Assets (LANES) is proud to be Boston's Masters Swimming team for New England's gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgender community and their friends. As an official 501(c)3, our mission is to foster acceptance in a healthy and friendly environment through sports and competition. We also wish to provide a social venue to meet people with similar desires and goals. Accordingly, we expect certain respectful behaviors of our teammates. The following outlines a general code of conduct for the team. In instances where the code of conduct appears to be violated – or a similar situation takes place – the LANES Board will take action accordingly.

LANES HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
2. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of their sport.
3. Refrain from public criticism of other athletes, coaches, or officials.
4. Uphold the rules and spirit of the sport while encouraging other athletes to do the same.
5. Treat opponents and officials with due respect both in victory and defeat, encouraging others to do the same.
6. Adhere to behaviors that qualify as best practices regarding lane-sharing etiquette (i.e. punctuality, following the practice as outlined by the coach, respecting personal space, etc.).

LANES MUST:

1. Participate in a manner that ensures the safety of fans, athletes, coaches, and officials.
2. Respect other athlete's dignity; verbal or physical behavior that constitutes harassment or abuse is unacceptable.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR

The following are some examples of unacceptable behavior that could involve disciplinary action from LANES. These do not reflect the full range of unacceptable behavior that could be subject to disciplinary action.

- Verbal or physical harassment or abuse based on any of the personal attributes listed above.
- Vulgarity, profanity, or intimidation directed to anyone at the pool facility or a LANES social event.
- The consumption of performance enhancing drugs not prescribed by a doctor.
- Negative cheering from the stands (instead of putting the other team down, boost up your own team!).
- Hazing or other initiation activities. These will not be tolerated.
- Actions or behaviors that would bring discredit to LANES.