**BLAST Code of Conduct: Coach**

The purpose of this code of conduct for coaches is to establish common expectations for all members of the coaching staff of the club. It is to be used as a guide to promote a positive team environment and good sportsmanship.

- ❑ At all times, adhere to USA Swimming's rules and code of conduct.
- ❑ Set a good example of respect and sportsmanship for participants and fans to follow.
- ❑ Act and dress with professionalism and dignity in a manner suitable to his/her profession.
- ❑ Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
- ❑ Treat opposing coaches, participants, and spectators with respect.
- ❑ Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand that they display good sportsmanship.
- ❑ Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.
- ❑ Win with humility and lose with dignity.
- ❑ Treat every athlete fairly, justly, impartially, intelligently, and with sensitivity.
- ❑ Always place the well-being, health, and safety of swimmers above all other considerations, including developing performance.
- ❑ Continue to seek and maintain their own professional development in all areas in relation to coaching and teaching children.
- ❑ Always maintain a professional separation between coach and athlete.

Any complaints of a coach violating this code of conduct will be brought to the attention of his/her supervisor and/or the club's board of directors.