



Public Displays of Affection (PDA) Guidelines

As members of the Liberty Bison Swim Team, athletes are expected to conduct themselves with maturity, professionalism, and respect at all team functions. Relationships are not prohibited. However, team events are not the place for romantic behavior. When athletes are in team settings, they represent Liberty Bison Swim and are expected to prioritize the team above personal relationships.

❖ General Expectation

Swim team activities (practices, meets, travel, team dinners, banquets, etc.) are school-related events. Athlete behavior should reflect positively on Liberty, teammates, coaches, and families.

❖ Appropriate Behavior

The following are generally considered appropriate:

- Side hugs
- High-fives
- Fist bumps
- Sitting next to one another
- Brief congratulations hugs after races

❖ Inappropriate Behavior

The following are **not permitted** at any team function:

- Kissing
- Prolonged hugging
- Sitting on laps
- Laying on one another
- Holding hands while walking on deck
- Massaging or touching in ways that appear romantic
- Any behavior that makes others uncomfortable

❖ Why This Matters

- Swim meets are public events attended by families and young children.
- We share tight deck spaces and locker room facilities.
- PDA can create distractions and discomfort for teammates.
- Team unity and professionalism must come first.

❖ Social Media Reminder

Posting or sharing inappropriate physical interactions from team events may result in team consequences.

❖ Consequences

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Parent contact
- Suspension from a meet
- Removal from the team (if repeated)