



## PLAYER / ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) Adhere to the principles of “Think. Act. Play.” and “Play by the Rules” programs endorsed by Water Polo NSW Incorporated (WPNSW).
- b) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official after the competition.
- c) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- d) Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
- e) Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- f) Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- g) Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- h) Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- i) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- j) To neither take nor use non-prescription drugs or stimulants prohibited by Water Polo Australia or WPNSW
- k) Accept and be available for random or selective drug testing in accord with Water Polo Australia, WPNSW and the Australian Sports Drug Agency Policy and regulations.
- l) Do not knowingly, recklessly or carelessly do, write or say anything or omit to do anything which in the opinion of WPNSW is likely to bring WPNSW or the sport of water polo into disrepute or cause damage to its officers or employees or any Official.

