

Water Polo NSW CODES OF CONDUCT

Players Behaviour

1. Play by the rules at the direction of your coach and the referees.
2. Never argue with an Official. If you disagree, have your coach or manager to organise a time to discuss with the Official for clarification after the game.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse or disrespect of Officials and sledging or deliberately distracting or provoking opponents are not acceptable.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit so will your own performance.
5. Be a good sport. Acknowledge good play when possible.
6. Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage or another competitor.
7. Participate for your enjoyment and benefit not just to please coaches or family members.
8. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass any persons.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches' and Officials Behaviour

1. Ensure that athlete's time spent at your direction is positive. All athletes are deserving of attention and opportunities within the team unit.
2. Treat each athlete as an individual. Respect the talent, development stage and individual goals.
3. Be fair, considerate and honest.
4. Have a professional manner and accept responsibility for your actions. Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards.
5. Display control respect, dignity and professionalism to all persons – including opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, media, spectators, and family members of athletes.
6. Any physical contact with athletes should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for skill development.
7. Refrain from any form of personal abuse (verbal, physical or verbal) to any person. Be alert to any forms of abuse from indirect sources to any person whilst under your care or control.
8. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes. Encourage medical advice to any athlete when required.
9. Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.
10. Refrain from any inappropriate behavior towards athlete, spectators, family members of athletes, and any other persons involved or connected with the game under your control.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all persons participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Spectators Behaviour

1. Remember players participate for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
2. Applaud good performances and efforts from all individuals and teams.
3. Congratulate participants and Officials on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
4. Respect the decisions of Officials. Parochial support is encouraged but disrespect of Officials is not acceptable.
5. Never ridicule any players or Official. Remember that positive comments motivate improved performances.
6. Condemn the use of violence in any form and by any person.
7. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass any persons.
8. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all persons participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.