

**BRITISH COLUMBIA WATER POLO ASSOCIATION
CODE OF CONDUCT**

1 Participant Responsibilities

A participant participating in a BCWPA Sanctioned tournament or program shall agree that:

- 1) There will be no possession or use of any illegal substance and/or performance enhancing drugs.
- 2) There will be no possession or use of alcohol.
- 3) Any physical damage occurring or cost arising from missing items in a room is the responsibility of the registered occupant(s) unless some other person(s) are proven responsible. If more than one person is sharing a room, the cost will be shared equally if there is no admission of guilt. The club or program involved shall be responsible for collecting any such costs.
- 4) Any contravention is sufficient grounds for a participant to be sent home at his/her own expense.
- 5) Any contravention of the above will be dealt with by the club or program involved. If any club or program fails to act responsibly, BCWPA has the right and obligation to impose sanctions.
- 6) Unacceptable behavior shall include:
 - d) Committing any act that would be considered an offence under federal, provincial or municipal laws. An offender shall immediately be sent home. When this is not possible the offender shall, at their own expense, be sent home as soon as possible, disqualified from further participation in a program or games within a tournament. The home region shall be informed by telephone or fax.
 - e) Gross misbehavior (that also includes hazing that is physically or mentally abusive).
 - f) Unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - g) Reporting for a game in an impaired condition.

Punishment for unacceptable behavior can vary from being sent home to a written caution with full or partial restriction on movement or participation in the event. A report must be submitted on each individual incident, major or minor, so that the governing body (BCWPA or club) may decide what further action should be taken.

All clubs shall be sent a set of these rules and regulations. Each team shall have the team members read and sign the attached form and return to BCWPA. Additionally, a parent or guardian must sign the forms for those athletes under the age of 19.

Since all clubs come under the jurisdiction of BCWPA all participating clubs are bound to supervise their teams in much the same way. All complaints which may arise from such teams shall be dealt with by the BCWPA Discipline Committee as set up by the board of directors.

2 Chaperone Responsibilities

Chaperones shall:

- 1) Be responsible for the safety, well being and in conjunction with the team coach be responsible for the behavior of players during the times they are not under the control of the coaching staff or manager.
- 2) Report to the coach any sickness or injury and any incidents likely to bring discredit to the team.
- 3) Together with the coach decide upon disciplinary action to be taken.

3 Coach Responsibilities

The coach shall:

- 1) Handle practice times and places.
- 2) Determine curfew times.
- 3) Determine team meeting times and places.
- 4) Control athletes during practices and games.
- 5) Assume the duties of chaperone when the chaperone is unavailable.

Implementation of this code of conduct is the responsibility of each participating club

PLAYER RELEASE

EVENT: _____

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____ PHONE NO: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ BC CARE CARD: _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Participant Code of Conduct. I agree that should I not comply with these responsibilities, I (and my parents in the case of a participant under the age of 19) will accept all costs incurred should it be deemed necessary to send me home as a result.

I, _____, my parents and/or guardians, heirs, executors and administrators hereby release BC Water Polo Association and it's representatives (including the organizers of a program, trip or tournament sanctioned by them) from any and all claims or actions I may have for any injuries I may sustain during the course of the program and/or trip.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(in the case of participants under the age of 19)