



PACIFIC STORM WATER POLO

Pacific Storm Water Polo Club

Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles including: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character and both children and their parents are expected to enact these core principles.

The Pacific Storm Water Polo Club (the Club) has adopted these core principles and expects each parent, in support of their athlete(s) to strictly abide by them. As a result, this Code of Conduct has been created for all Club parents to sign.

The following outlines the terms and conditions of the Parent Code of Conduct and agreement to all of the terms are contingent upon family membership in the Club:

- 1) I/We will not force my/our child to participate in the Club against his/her will
- 2) I/We will remember that children participate in sport to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
- 3) I/We will inform the Coach of any physical or emotional disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my/our child, or the safety of others
- 4) I/We will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the club
- 5) I/We (and my/our guests) will be a positive role model for my/our child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, tournament, or other event
- 6) I/We (and my/our guests) will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures
- 7) I/We will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes
- 8) I/We will teach my/our child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- 9) I/We will demand that my/our child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect
- 10) I/We will teach my/our child to that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my/our child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game of his/her performance
- 11) I/We will praise my/our child for competing fairly and making the best effort possible
- 12) I/We will never ridicule or yell at my/our child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition
- 13) I/We will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my/our child over winning. I/We will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups
- 14) I/We will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire(s) I/We may have for my/our child to win
- 15) I/We will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the pool and will take time to speak with officials or coaches at an agreed upon time and place
- 16) I/We will demand a sports environment for my/our child that is free from drugs,



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tobacco and alcohol

- 17) I/We will refrain from coaching my/our child or other athletes during games and practices, unless I/we am/are one of the official coaches of the team
- 18) No athlete will be allowed to participate in any practice or game unless he/she is registered with the Club and the B.C. Water Polo Association
- 19) I/We will refrain from engaging the coaches in conversation during practices and understand that if I have questions for the coaches that I need to schedule a time with the coaches outside of practice at the coaches convenience
- 20) I/We understand that my/our first point of contact with the Club is the Team Manager and questions should be directed to this person whenever possible

I/We also agree that if I/we fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I/we will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- The receipt of a verbal warning by an official, Coach, or Board of Director
- The receipt of a written warning of parental suspension*
- Removal from the current event including a practice, game, or tournament
- Issuance of a parental suspension for the entire season
- Financial penalty in an amount that will be assessed at the discretion of the Board of Directors
- Termination of athlete's membership from the club

**Parental Suspension is defined as the act of prohibiting the parent found to have engaged in inappropriate behaviour, from watching practices, games or tournaments in which their child/children are participating for a defined period of time. Parental suspensions will be provided in writing with the terms of the suspension defined.*

I/We _____ have read all of the terms and conditions of the
Parent(s) Printed Names

Parent(s) Code of Conduct outlined above and accept and agree to abide by all of them. I understand that failure to adhere to any of the terms and conditions may result in disciplinary action as noted in this Code of Conduct, and if not respected, may jeopardize my child/children's membership in the Club.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

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