



## *Code of Conduct*

All West Suburban Water Polo Club (WSWPC) **Coaches, Parents and/or Team Managers** are expected to always know, promote, and adhere to the following standards of conduct:

- As a Coach, I will complete program requirements, maintain certifications and adhere to the principles promoted by the Positive Coaching Alliance administered by my sports organizing body (i.e. USAWP, AWP, CWPA, IHSA, et al.);
- I recognize and will promote to the best of my ability an enjoyable recreational experience for the continued development of each athlete to their fullest potential;
- I will conduct myself in an exemplary manner and be a role model to the athletes, parents and coaches under my direction;
- I will promote good sportsmanship, team work, physical conditioning and teaching life's skills as appropriate to the sport and the individual;
- Smoking, drinking alcohol, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed at any time while coaching or having a supervisory responsibility to the Team, athletes and parent administrators. While traveling with the Team, I will use my best judgment to refrain from these activities and will remain sober and prepared for any unplanned situations or emergencies that may arise at all times;
- Abuse or harassment of players, referees, scorekeepers, or spectators in any form will not be tolerated;
- Putting down or demoralizing players is not an acceptable behavior. I will treat each player with respect and not use abusive, negative, or derogatory language towards any player. I will refrain from all manners of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual;
- I will use positive coaching methods, both at practice and during games, to make the experience enjoyable for our players, increase their self-esteem and foster in them a true sense of enjoyment of water polo;
- I will treat officials, opposing coaches, and opposing players with respect and dignity, and instruct our players and their parents to do the same;
- I will model grace, dignity and composure regardless of the outcome of a game;
- I will observe all player participation rules, including IHSA eligibility rules, and strive to make each player feel as if he/she is a valuable member of the team;
- I will report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive, kid-friendly environment to the WSWPC Program Director and/or Club President;
- The Coaches on site will have final authority for all matters related to the Team;

I understand the Club retains a One Strike Policy and is free to assess the appropriate sanction. I hereby pledge to live up to and abide by this Code of Conduct until further notice.

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Signature

Position

Date