



## Sea Wolf Code of Conduct

To ensure that we all have an enjoyable water polo experience we ask that you review our code of conduct. This is applicable for our players, coaches, managers and supporters.

### 1. Sportsmanship

Display good sportsmanship. Treat opponents with respect, shake hands before and after games, and avoid any behavior that may be considered disrespectful or unsporting, such as taunting, trash talking, or excessive celebration.

### 2. Fair Play

Play by the rules of the game and abide by the tournament regulations. Do not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct, such as intentionally injuring opponents. Respect the integrity of the game and ensure that competition is conducted in a fair and equitable manner.

### 3. Safety

Prioritize safety at all times. Follow all safety guidelines and instructions provided by the tournament organizers, including wearing caps, and adhering to proper warm-up and cool-down routines. Report any unsafe conditions or incidents to the tournament officials immediately.

No spectators are allowed on the pool deck, this area is for players, coaches & managers only.

### 4. Respect for Referees & Game Officials

All participants, including players, coaches, and spectators, must show respect for the referees and game officials at all times. Coaches may ask for clarification on calls or decisions made by referees in a constructive and positive manner, seeking to understand the reasoning behind the call in order to instruct their teams accordingly. However, all questioning should be done with respect towards the referees and in a manner that does not disrupt the flow of the game.

Refrain from arguing with, or showing dissent towards the decisions made by the referees. Remember that referees are trained and impartial individuals who are there to ensure fair play and safety. We need referees in order to play competitive games so please support referee development alongside our own player & coach development.

## 5. Respect for Opponents

Treat opponents with respect, both in and out of the pool. Avoid any form of harassment, discrimination, or violence, including verbal or physical abuse. Remember that water polo is a competitive sport, but it is also a game where mutual respect and fair play should prevail.

## 6. Respect for Teammates

Treat teammates with respect, support and encourage each other, and work together as a team. Avoid any behavior that may be considered detrimental to team morale or team spirit, such as negative criticism or undermining of teammates' performance.

## 7. Respect for Facilities

Show respect for the tournament facilities, including the pool, locker rooms, and surrounding areas. Keep them clean and free from damage, and do not engage in any behavior that may be considered vandalism or destruction of property.

## 8. Compliance with Tournament Policies

Abide by all game & tournament policies, including those related to eligibility, registration, scheduling, and conduct. Familiarize yourself with the tournament rules and regulations, and ensure that you and your team comply with them at all times.

## 9. Respect for Tournament Officials

Show respect for the game & tournament officials, organizers, and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of games. Follow their instructions and decisions, and avoid any behavior that may be considered disrespectful or confrontational.

## 10. Positive Role Modeling

As a participant in a game, you represent your team, your club, and the sport of water polo. Be a positive role model for others by displaying good sportsmanship, respect for others, and adherence to the code of conduct. Set an example of fair play, integrity, and respect for the game of water polo.

## 11. Drugs and Alcohol

Athlete members shall not: (a) Commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee, the World Anti-Doping Agency, the New Zealand Olympic Committee or the Federation International de Natation (FINA) or (b) use or provide alcohol or drugs in violation of local or national laws

Violation of this Code of Conduct may result in repercussions with respect to playing eligibility and/or venue access, either for a period of time or permanently, as determined by

the Sea Wolf Committee or tournament organisers. It is the responsibility of all participants to uphold the Code of Conduct and contribute to a safe, fair, and enjoyable water polo tournament experience for everyone involved.

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