



UWA Water Polo Club (the “Club”) are committed to the requirements for the protection of the health, safety and wellbeing of all our members. To achieve that, we adopt the Water Polo Western Australia (WPWAI) and Water Polo Australia (WPA) Member Protection Policy, the goal of which is to provide a safe and comfortable environment so that all members can compete and enjoy our great sport.

We require all members, parents and spectators to abide by its guidelines and processes. A key element of the Member Protection Policy are the Codes of Conduct.

It is the expectation of the Club that all persons abide by the Codes of Conduct detailed below. Serious non-compliance with these guidelines will be referred to WPWAI for formal investigation and resolution under the Member Protection Policy processes.

Player Code of Conduct

• Play by the rules
• Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official after the competition
• Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
• Work equally hard for yourself and / or your team. Your team’s performance will benefit so will you
• Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition
• Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
• Cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
• Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
• Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion



Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

· Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours
· Encourage children to participate, do not force them
· Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
· Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence
· Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition
· Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants
· Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
· Respect officials decisions and teach children to do likewise
· Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate
· Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion

Spectator Code of Conduct

· Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours
· Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome
· Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same
· Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational
· Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players
· Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game
· Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions
· Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials
· Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion