



HARBOUR CITY WATER HAWKS POLO

Parent/Guardians/Supporters Code of Conduct

Water polo is an exciting game and often brings high emotions for parents/guardians/spectators who are watching their whanau/friends/club mates play. There is the expectation that while supporting our club players that everyone will act in a fair and kind manner to all involved in the support.

More specifically:

As a parent in the Harbour City Water Polo Club, you agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

- I (We) understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any language or actions with the intent that may hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. I (We) will not tolerate these acts from any players, coaches or adults associated with Harbour City Water Polo Club. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the practice, game, or event.
- I (We) will not post on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official or spectator. The posting of negative, demeaning, or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate removal from the club. I (We) will stress to my (our) child the importance of proper conduct on these sites and provide parental oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my (our) child. See NZWP and Harbour City Water Polo Social Media Policy.
- I (We) (and my accompanying supporters) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- I (We) will maintain self-control at games, practices, and other club events.
- I (We) (and my (our) accompanying supporters) will be a positive role model for my (our) child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or event.
- I (We) will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I (We) will encourage my (our) child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will make sure that my child treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- I (We) will never ridicule or yell at my(our) child or other participants for making a mistake.



- I (We) will not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials,
- I (We) will always respect the referees and their decisions.
- I (We) will support the coaches and allow them to do their job by not coaching my (our) child or other players during games and practices.
- I (We) will not openly question or confront coaches before, during or after games or practices.
- I (We) will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
 - It is not appropriate to approach the bench (coaches, manager, or players) at any time during a game (unless for medical or safety requirements).
 - The game is not finished until both teams have shaken hands, the manager has collected the gear and the team has dispersed.
 - It is not appropriate to approach our Coaches without speaking to the manager.
 - Language and communication should always remain calm and courteous.
- I (We) will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my(our) child or his/her team to win.
- I (We) realize that if I violate this Code of Conduct, I (We) may be subject to disciplinary action that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:
 - Verbal warning by Harbour City Water Polo Committee
 - Written Warning
 - Parental Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Harbour City Water Polo Club.
 - Parental Season suspension -Parental Suspension from all future Harbour City Water Polo Club Games (Home or Away), Practices and Events

Signed:

Parent/Guardians: _____ Date: _____