



MWPC Code of Conduct – FlippaBall- MWPC-POL-002



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MWPC Code of Conduct for Players

- Play by the rules
- Represent the Melville Water Polo Club (MWPC) in a professional, positive and responsible manner. My conduct will reflect directly on my teammates, coaches and the reputation of the Melville Water Polo Club as a whole.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Never argue with an official. If I disagree, I will approach my team captain, coach or manager to approach the official after the competition.
- Control my temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Conduct myself with the highest level of sportsmanship at all times and at all venues.
- Respect coaches, teammates, officials, opposing teams and referees.
- Uphold all safety requirements and expectations when participating and traveling for any Melville Water Polo Club games or activities.
- That failure to act responsibly will adversely affect my team, myself and may result in disciplinary action.
- Any unsocial behaviour including the consumption of alcohol or illicit substances is prohibited.

Melville Water Polo Club observes a NO tolerance policy. Failure to abide by the provisions of this code will result in disciplinary action by the Melville Water Polo Committee which could include loss of player participation, privileges, probation for the Melville Water Polo club, or suspension of Melville Water Polo club activities, depending on the nature and severity of the violations.

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MWPC Code of Conduct for Parent/Guardian and Spectator

- 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.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- 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 officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.

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MWPC Code of Conduct for Coaches

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
- Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive one.
- Treat each athlete as an individual.
- Provide a drug free environment.
- Be Fair, considerate and honest with athletes.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.
- Operate within the rules of your sport.
- Any physical contact with athletes should be:
 - 1) Appropriate to the situation.
 - 2) Necessary for the athlete's skill development.
 - 3) Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes.
- Refrain from any form of harassment.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.
- Refrain from inappropriate behaviour towards officials and parents.
- Within the context of the activity, treat everyone equally regardless of sex, disability, ethnic origin or religion.
- All athletes are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Respect the talent, development stage and goals of each individual athlete; help each athlete reach their full potential.
- Not advocate, prescribe, recommend, support, administer or participate in the use of drugs, stimulants, or doping practices in respect of any athlete under my coaching and direction and abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of Water Polo Australia Limited or Anti-Doping Policy adopted by Water Polo Australia Limited.
- Coaches should educate their athletes on drugs in sport issues in consultation with ASADA.
- Language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation should display high standards.
- Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in the sport - this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your athletes to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coach education.
- Provide a training program which is planned and sequential.



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- Maintain appropriate records.
 - The guidelines of national and international bodies governing your sport should be followed. Please contact Water Polo Australia Limited for a rule book and any relevant policies.
 - This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse. Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
 - This includes sexual harassment, racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability.
 - You should not only refrain from initiating a relationship with an athlete but should also discourage any attempt by an athlete to initiate a sexual relationship with you, explaining the ethical basis of your refusal.
 - Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
 - Equipment, rules, training and the environment need to be appropriate for the age of the athletes. Provide a modified training program where appropriate.
 - Encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.
 - Maintain the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
 - Abuse and insults directed at officials or parents. Refer “Harassment- Free Sport guidelines” available from the Australian Sports Commission.

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