

Colorado Water Polo Club

Code of Conduct for Athletes

Athletic competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. The highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. I understand that, in order to be an athlete member with the Club, I must act in accord with the following:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

1. Trustworthiness — be worthy of trust in all I do.

Integrity — live up to high ideals of ethics and sportsmanship and always pursue victory with honor.

Honesty — live and compete honorably; don't lie, cheat, steal or engage in any other dishonest or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Reliability — fulfill commitments; do what I say I will do; be on time to practices and games.

RESPECT

2. Respect — treat all people with respect all the time and require the same of other athletes.

3. Class — live and play with class; be a good sport; be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity; give fallen opponents help, compliment extraordinary performance, show sincere respect in pre- and post-game rituals.

4. Disrespectful Conduct — don't engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash-talking,, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.

5. Respect Officials — treat contest officials with respect; don't complain about or argue with official calls or decisions during or after an athletic event.

RESPONSIBILITY

6. Importance of Education — be a student first and commit to getting the best education I can.

7. Role-Modeling —Consistently exhibit good character and conduct yourself as a positive role model.

8. Self-Control — exercise self-control; don't fight or show excessive displays of anger or frustration; have the strength to overcome the temptation to retaliate.

9. Healthy Lifestyle — safeguard your health; don't use any illegal or unhealthy substances including alcohol, tobacco and drugs or engage in any unhealthy techniques to gain, lose or maintain weight.

10. Integrity of the Game — Play the game according to the rules.

FAIRNESS

11. Be Fair — live up to high standards of fair play; be open-minded; always be willing to listen and learn.

CARING

12. Concern for Others — demonstrate concern for others; never intentionally injure any player or engage in reckless behavior that might cause injury to myself or others.

13. Teammates — help promote the well-being of teammates by positive counseling and encouragement or by reporting any unhealthy or dangerous conduct to coaches.

CITIZENSHIP

14. Play by the Rules — maintain a thorough knowledge of and abide by all applicable game and competition rules.

15. Spirit of rules — honor the spirit and the letter of rules; avoid temptations to gain competitive advantage through improper gamesmanship techniques that violate the highest traditions of sportsmanship.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I understand that I'm expected to perform according to this code and I understand that there may be penalties, including but not limited to limits on the ability to travel to tournaments, ejection from practice, and dismissal from the team, if I do not perform according to the code.

Athlete Name (Please Print)

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Athlete Signature / Date

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Parent Signature / Date