

2008 USA Water Polo Club Athlete Code of Conduct

It will be the responsibility of all USA Water Polo Club Athletes (Senior & Junior Polo) to comply with any and all Club and/or Team rules for training sessions, local competitions, and out of town tournaments. These rules will also apply to any Zone/National Team Trip as each athlete will be representing the USA Water Polo Club. These rules and regulations have been established by the USA Water Polo Club coaching and administrative staff.

I, _____, (athlete's name, please print) consent to abide by the rules of conduct below. I understand these rules apply to my behavior during all club activities at all locations. I also understand that if I violate any of the following rules, I may be subject to whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate by the coach and the club. The consequences for violating the team rules at club sponsored trips, training sessions, and other club activities may include, but will not be limited to the following: (1) immediate suspension from the current club activity, (2) being sent home immediately from team trips at personal expense for serious offenses or repeated minor infractions; or (3) being terminated from membership in the program. Inappropriate behavior will neither be condoned nor tolerated.

Athlete Rules of Conduct: (Failure to adhere to any of the following will be seen as a serious infraction)

1. All athletes will abide by any specific policies, regulations, or procedures of the club whether written or unwritten.
2. There will be NO Physical, verbal, racial, sexual intimidation, or hazing of any individual.
3. Each athlete will follow the instructions of the coaches, team managers, and chaperones at all times during training and competitions. This may include following assignments for carrying equipment and assisting with other tasks that may be requested from time to time.
4. Each athlete will refrain from negative comments about teammates, tactics, team programs and plans, room assignments or any other items that may be disruptive to team unity with other players.
5. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room or other person will not be tolerated (Restitution will be a required part of any penalty imposed.)
6. Any action considered being an offense under federal, state or local laws/ordinances will not be tolerated.
7. Be respectful of and accept all decisions of the referee.
8. All athletes will refrain from using, transporting, administering, and supplying tobacco or alcohol.
9. We expect all athletes to not engage in overt public displays of affection or in overt sexual activity of any nature while traveling with the club.
10. Any discussions between an athletes/parents and a coach regarding playing time, substitution patterns or tactics will take place privately before or after training and competitions with the coaching staff.

On team trips, I agree to be a responsible member of the USA Water Polo Club and behave in a manner reflecting well on me, my teammates, coaches, chaperones, and managers of the Club. I understand that smoking, consumption of beverages containing alcohol, use of drugs not prescribed by a physician, or other inappropriate behavior, shall cause me to be sent home immediately at my parents expense, and may lead to disciplinary action including expulsion from the Club. Further, I understand that being in the company of anyone engaged in such behavior shall be deemed participation by me. I understand that the coaching staff and managers will set all schedules and standards of conduct for the entire duration of the trip. I agree to participate in all team activities and arrangements. I agree to cooperate with staff at all times. Violations of these standards shall cause me to be sent home immediately at my parents' expense, and may lead to disciplinary action including expulsion from the USA Water Polo Club. **All parents and guardians will discuss the club's expectations and possible consequences with their son or daughter before any trips.**

Signature of Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

***If athlete is under the age of 18, a parent's signature is required**