

Innisfail Hurricanes Water Polo Club - Code of Conduct

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Athletes:

1. I will participate in water polo activities alcohol and drug free.
2. I will demonstrate respect to individuals regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, disability, gender, ancestry, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religious beliefs, political belief, or economic status.
3. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and appreciate the challenges of their position.
4. I will consistently demonstrate the spirit of sportsmanship, sports leadership and ethical conduct.
5. I will be on time. I will follow instruction and work hard.
6. I will remember that winning isn't everything, and to control my temper when things aren't going my way. Having fun, improving skills, helping my teammates become better players, and doing my best are more important than winning games.
7. I will respect all the facilities and equipment that I use when participating in Water Polo. This includes the Innisfail Aquatic Centre, any other facility I may travel to for water polo activities, as well as all game and training equipment used for the sport.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Guardians:

1. I will attend my children's events alcohol and drug free.
2. I will demonstrate respect to individuals regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, disability, gender, ancestry, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religious beliefs, political belief, or economic status.
3. I will remember that children play the sport for their enjoyment and development, not mine.
4. I will have a positive attitude. I will never use violence or bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
5. I will remember that children learn best by example, and will demonstrate good sportsmanship and applaud all good plays by my child as well as their teammates and their opponents.
6. I will take an interest in my child's team by meeting the volunteer requirements throughout the season. I understand that parent volunteers are essential to ensuring a successful season.
7. I will refrain from disturbing coaches during practice/ game/ training times. And when speaking to a coach, I shall do so in a respectful, professional manner at all times.

Name 1: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name 2: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Coaches:

1. As a coach, I understand that I am role model to my athletes and I will conduct myself as such.
2. I will fulfill my coaching responsibilities alcohol and drug free. I will refrain from smoking in the presence of athletes.
3. I will demonstrate respect to individuals regardless of body type, physical characteristics, athletic ability, disability, gender, ancestry, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religious beliefs, political belief, or economic status.
4. I will ensure that all players receive equal instruction and support. My main objective will be to develop their skills to the best of my ability.
5. I will teach my players to participate fairly in the spirit of good sportsmanship, and to respect the rules, coaches, officials, and opponents.
6. I will ensure the team is properly supervised at all times for their safety and to ensure they are behaving to the standards set by the team and the Alberta Water Polo Association.
7. I will lead by example and demonstrate good sportsmanship and leadership qualities. I will not yell at officials but work cooperatively with them for the benefit of the game.
8. I will be reasonable when setting practices, games and curfews, and will keep the athletes/teams' best interest in mind.
9. I will be open and honest with athletes and parents about my coaching philosophy, as well as acceptable and unacceptable athlete behaviour.
10. I will handle all one-on-one discussions discreetly and professionally as to not embarrass an athlete.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____