

Athlete Code of Conduct

Riverside Water Polo reminds you that your actions in and out of the pool reflect on you, your family, our club and our city. The essential elements of character building and ethics are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and five core principles:

Respect, Repaying your Community, Responsibility, Positive Citizenship and Cooperation

1. Athletes are ambassadors of Riverside Water Polo and shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control and responsible behavior, as well as consideration for others' physical and emotional well-being.
2. Athletes shall treat others with respect and expect to be treated with respect in return.
3. Athletes must uphold the standards of fair play and exhibit a high level of team spirit.
4. Athletes shall refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language and gestures. Whether it be in person, electronically and/or any other form of communication.
5. Any Athlete committing an act, which is considered an offense under the law, will be dealt with by the appropriate authorities.
6. Athletes will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as (but not limited to) booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or use of profane language and/or gestures. Athletes shall be gracious, respectful and humble in victory and in defeat.
7. Athletes will respect all water polo officials and/or coaches and their authority during, before and after games and will not question or confront officials or coaches during or after competitions.
8. Athletes should inform their coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of the athlete or the safety of others.
9. Any athlete that participates in any activity or action that can be and is determined to be detrimental to any teammate, team or the club will be immediately suspended until further investigation by the technical director.
10. Athletes shall take care and be respectful of all equipment and any and all facilities both at home and while away at other facilities.
11. Athletes are responsible to ensure pool deck is free from trash after practices, scrimmages, games or any Riverside Water Polo related event.
12. Athletes shall remain at the pool until equipment is secured, pool covers are in place, trash is removed both after practice and games and the **coach has given the athlete permission to leave**.

I understand the responsibility I am assuming by completing this agreement. I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I alone am responsible and will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning by coach, head coach and or technical director;
2. Discussion with athlete before, during or after practice (w or w/o parent);
3. Game and/or practice suspension administered by technical director;
4. Suspension or expulsion from club administered by technical director (*no refund*).

I have read, fully understand and agree to the above Athlete agreement and code of conduct.

Athlete Name: _____ Age Group/Team: _____ Date: _____

Athlete Signature: _____