

Parent / Spectator Code of Conduct

In order for our club to compete successfully at the highest level, it is essential to recognize that participation at Riverside Water Polo is a commitment being made by entire families, not just our athletes.

PLAYERS PLAY, COACHES COACH, REFEREES REF AND PARENTS CHEER AND SUPPORT THE TEAM AND ATHLETES WITH POSITIVITY!!!

Please read and sign the guidelines that we expect our parents and spectators to follow.

1. Parents are allowed to attend practices and are encouraged to attend games. However, parents are expected to stay in the spectator area and away from the coaches and athletes during practices and games. (Please do not converse with coaches during practice hours.)
2. Parents should support the athletes on our team and refrain from making **ANY and ALL** disparaging remarks about (or directed at) ANY athlete, coach, opponent, official or referee. Parents must avoid any physical or verbal confrontations with other parents, coaches, and athletes of our club, our opponents and/or with the officials.
3. Parents are NOT coaches: Athletes should only receive their direction from the coaching staff on the pool deck, not spectators.
4. Parents are expected to have rides available for their children at the time that practices and games are scheduled. It is the responsibility of athletes to communicate directly with coaches when issues arise.
5. Decisions about playing time, travel teams, and all other water polo related matters are made exclusively by the coaching staff and are not open to debate or negotiation with parents. Athletes can discuss their status with the coaches at an appropriate time. Playing time and travel teams are not distributed on an equal basis and are not guaranteed by club membership. Parents can arrange meetings with their athletes' coach AND technical director.
6. Parents are expected to get their athletes to all practices and games on time. Athletes should always arrive at games at **1 hour prior** to the scheduled start time of the match.
7. No athlete will be allowed to participate in any practice or game unless he/she is registered with Riverside Water Polo (riversidewp.com) and with USA Water Polo.
8. Athletes must be paid in full by the 10th of every month. Athletes will be held out of the water until they are current with Riverside Water Polo.
9. Tournament and league fees must be paid **30 days in advance** of the events start date. Athletes will not be allowed to enter the water at tournaments or leagues without advanced payment.

Riverside Water Polo reserves the right to ask any parent or spectator to leave before, during or after any RWP event (practices, games, socials, etc.) if behavior is deemed inappropriate.

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

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

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____