

K-W Water Polo Club

Code of Conduct

Members of the K-W Water Polo Club represent themselves, the Club, the sport of water polo and their community when they travel to tournaments/events. The Club is striving to protect an image that will make us all proud of our sport and our players. Therefore, all individuals representing/travelling with the K-W Water Polo Club will be expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct.

Please Note: The Code of Conduct is in effect from the point of departure until players are returned to the care of their parents/guardians. Infractions of the Code of Conduct may result in a player being sent home early, with that player's family having to assume the full cost of the trip and return fare.

Players must not drink or carry alcoholic beverages, nor use drugs other than those prescribed by a physician. Prescription drugs must be reported to the coaching /managerial staff. However, proper administration of these drugs will be the responsibility of the individual concerned.

Orderly and reasonably quiet behaviour is expected while representing the Club.

All team members are expected to respect each individual's need for rest, study time and personal space. Please consider that not everyone is equally comfortable with human touch, including hugging and kissing. Therefore, athletes, chaperones and coaches shall refrain from touch deemed inappropriate at all water polo events. Players of the opposite sex must further have permission from coaches/chaperones to be in each other's rooms. If permission has been granted, room doors must remain open at all times. Athletes from other teams are not allowed in our player's hotel rooms.

Curfews, as determined by the staff, are set to ensure proper rest for all players. These must be adhered to at all times. Failure to comply may result in that player being scratched from the tournament and in extreme cases sent home at his/her expense.

Appropriate behaviour is mandatory on all team trips. When behaviour is deemed unacceptable by the coaches and chaperones, that player may be scratched from the tournament and sent home at his/her own expense. In extreme cases (i.e. violent or abusive behaviour, theft or vandalism etc.) dismissal from the Club may result should it be deemed necessary in the opinion of the accompanying staff and upon approval by the Board of K-W Water Polo.

Players should consider it their responsibility to report any behaviour that does not adhere to the Code of Conduct to the coaches or chaperones.

Coaches and chaperones have final say at all water polo events regarding the interpretation and enforcement of these rules.