

Parent's Code of Conduct

As an Executive, we thank-you for all the support you provide the club's players throughout the year. We really appreciate your presence at practices, fundraising events and tournaments and encourage you to come out and participate. Players need and depend upon your encouragement and positive support at the tournaments. This has always been exemplary. They count on you to role model and uphold the code of conduct of all sports by being positive, encouraging and trusting of referees and coaches to do their jobs. Your passion and positive attitude is what has made our club have one of the best groups of supporting fans in the province.

As an executive, however, we ask for you to uphold the club's code of conduct, which includes:

- Appropriate, respectful and positive language. Give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- Show respect and appreciation for the volunteer coaches and encourage open communication.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse in the sport.
- Respect the officials' decisions and encourage participants to do the same.
- Show respect for the team's opponents, because without them there would be no game.

There may be times, however, when you may not agree with calls (or lack of calls) made by the referees. This is particularly challenging for us as parents when safety becomes an issue. We understand the frustration and concern that results from being unable to do anything from the stands, while watching your child risk possible injury. We need to trust the referees to officiate the games in a fair and safe manner, and trust that the coaches will advocate to protect our players. If you perceive that this does not occur, follow-up after the game with the coach and the Ontario Water Polo Association to help resolve any concerns. As an executive, we also will do our best to work with the OWPA to ensure fair and safe refereeing practices for our players.

The Executive reserves the right to ask that a disruptive spectator be asked to leave the stands. Please ensure that this step will not be required by adhering to the code of conduct.

Let's all work together in order to strive to project an image that will make us all proud of our sport and our players.