

Seattle Summer Water Polo League

Code of Conduct

To ensure that all games are safe, family-friendly, and conducted in such a way that all participants and spectators enjoy the experience, the Seattle Summer Water Polo League has the following code of conduct. Please read it carefully, sign it, and return it to your coach. Both a parent signature and player signature is needed. This must be done prior to competing in the first game of the season.

As a member of the Seattle Summer Water Polo League, I agree to:

- Consistently display respect, honesty, and sportsmanship toward coaches, teammates, officials, volunteers, parents and competitors.
- Consistently display a positive and supportive attitude toward all teams, coaches, teammates and competitors.
- Refrain from the display or use of aggressive behavior and offensive language, including any derogatory reference to any person's race, sex, ethnicity, or other characteristics.

All infractions that result in expulsion from a game must be reported to the SSWPL board within three (3) days. Any infraction of this code may result in, but is not limited to, the following actions by the Board:

- Restriction from future competition for a designated period of time.
- Placement on probation for a designated period of time.
- Restriction from participation in championship competition.

In order to provide clarity to participants, coaches, parents and referees, the offenses below will result in a kick-out (the third kick-out results in removal from the game). The referee may also choose, depending on the offense, to remove the player from the game.

- The use of profanity towards anyone, even oneself.
- Addressing the referee, except during timeouts and between periods. The only exception would be to simply get clarification on the directions of the referee.
- Addressing the other team's coach or other team's bench at any time.

All rules governing behavior, violence, striking, kicking, etc. included in the USWP rules will be strictly enforced. Removal for these offenses is a violation of the code of conduct and will be referred to the Board.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note to parents: While there have been very few problems with spectators contributing to a negative atmosphere, it does occasionally happen. The referee and coaches have the authority under the rules to have spectators removed from the premises. Let's all work together to make sure that there is no need to have this happen.