

Del Mar Water Polo Club Parental Code of Conduct

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In order for our club to compete successfully at the highest level, it is essential to recognize that participation in the Del Mar Water Polo Club is a commitment being made by entire families, not players. Therefore, it is important that we outline our expectations for parents as well as players. Please read the following guidelines that we expect our parents to follow. By enrolling your son and/or daughter into the program you agree to follow the parent guidelines

1. All members will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, teammates, officials, and the public, and refrain from any behavior that may discredit, or embarrass the team.
2. Any physical or verbal harassment of others is strictly prohibited. This includes confronting any athlete or coach members in a hostile, disrespectful, or otherwise inappropriate manner.
3. 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, discussion, or negotiations with parents. A player should feel free to discuss his/her 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.
4. Parents are expected to stay in the bleachers and away from the coaches during practices and games.
5. Parents in attendance at practices and games are expected to show support for all athletes, coaches, and other parents, and refrain from any negative talk.
6. Parents are expected to be mindful and supportive of our behavior, practice, performance, competition, attendance, fundraiser, and refund policies.
7. Parents are expected to get their children to all practices and games on time. As a general rule, players should arrive at games at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the match.
8. No player will be allowed to participate in any practice or game unless he/she is registered with United States Water Polo.

9. Conflict Resolution Policy

- All members must follow the DMWPC policy for conflict resolution. Problems, questions, or complaints regarding any part of the training program should be discussed in order with:
 - 1) The Team Parent
 - 2) The athletes head coach
 - 3) The President of DMWPC
 - 4) The DMWPC Board Members

10. Report Violations

- Report violations of the rules and regulations laid out by the Del Mar Water Polo Club will result in a review by the DMWPC Board, which will use the following guidelines:
 - **1st offense:** Letter from DMWPC defining discipline and restitution.
 - **2nd offense:** Suspension from attending games and practices.
 - **3rd offense:** PARENT & PLAYER suspended for the remainder of the season & a hearing to determine the player's eligibility for future play.

Please note: The Del Mar Water Polo Club is empowered to skip directly to the 3rd level if an incident is deemed sufficiently serious, for example violent or threatening behavior.

Warning

Athletes may be penalized for extreme behavior exhibited by parent(s) up to and including removal from the team.

I have read the Del Mar Water Polo Team Parent Code of Conduct and understand all of the requirements in order for my athlete to continue team participation as well as the ramifications if this contract is broken. I understand that my actions directly affect my athlete's ability to continue further as a member of this team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date