



# CODE OF CONDUCT

## SECTION F

### Water Polo Canada PARTICIPANT Code of Conduct

#### **1. Participant Responsibilities**

##### **A PARTICIPANT ATTENDING A WATER POLO CANADA EVENT SHALL AGREE THAT:**

- i) There will be no possession or use of any illegal substances and/or performance enhancing drugs.
- ii) If under the age of majority in the province of the competition, there will be no possession or use of alcohol.
- iii) If over the age of majority, there will be no supplying of alcohol to minors (as defined by the laws of the province of the competition).
- iv) Any physical damage occurring, or cost arising from missing items in a room, is the responsibility of the registered occupant(s) unless some other person(s) are proven responsible. If more than one person is sharing a room, cost will be shared equally, if there is no admission of guilt. The club involved shall be responsible for collecting any such costs.
- v) Any contravention is sufficient grounds for a participant to be sent home at his/her own expense.
- vi) Any contravention of the above will be dealt with by the club involved. If the club fails to act responsibly, Water Polo Canada has the obligation to impose sanction and to collect any money outstanding.

##### **NOTE:**

- vii) Unacceptable behavior shall include:
  - a) Committing any act which would be considered an offence under federal, provincial or municipal laws, or the rules of the facility. An offender shall immediately be sent home. When this is not possible, the offender shall, at their own expense, be sent home as soon as possible, disqualified from further games within the tournament, and the home provincial body shall be informed by telephone or wire.
  - b) Gross misbehavior.
  - c) Unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - d) A participant reporting for a game in an impaired condition.Punishment for unacceptable behavior, as described in vii) b) to d), and depending upon the circumstances, could vary from the above (as the extreme) to a written caution to the offender, with full or partial restriction on movement or participation in the event. A report must be submitted on each individual incident, major or minor, so that the governing body (national/provincial/club) may decide what further action may be taken.
- viii) All clubs shall be sent a set of these rules and regulations.
- ix) Since all clubs come under the jurisdiction of Water Polo Canada, clubs which send teams outside of their province are bound to supervise their teams in much the same way and complaints which may arise from such teams shall be dealt with by the National Ethics Committee.



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### **2. Chaperone Responsibilities**

#### **Chaperones Shall:**

- i) Be responsible for the safety, well-being and in conjunction with the team coach, be responsible for behavior of players during the times they are not under the control of the coaching staff or manager.
- ii) Report to the coach any sickness or injury and any incidents likely to bring discredit to the team, provincial association or country. Together with the coach, decide upon disciplinary action to be taken.

### **3. Coaches' Responsibilities**

#### **Coaches Shall:**

- i) Handle practice times and places.
- ii) Determine curfew times.
- iii) Determine team meeting times and places.
- iv) Control athletes during practices and games.
- v) Assume duties of chaperone when chaperone is unavailable.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTICIPATING CLUB**

**Any contravention of the above will be dealt with by the club involved. If the club fails to act responsibly, Water Polo Canada has the right and the obligation to impose sanction.**

**Participation in National Events commences when the participant leaves her/his home at the beginning of the event, and ends when the participant arrives home at the conclusion of the event.**

**A copy of this Participant Code of Conduct is included in this document. A signed copy for each participant in a National Event must be provided to the Provincial Association Office with the roster for proper sanctioning.**