

SA SCHOOLS WATER POLO TOURNAMENT: PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. No player will be allowed to smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs at any stage during the tournament.
2. Unsupervised visits to places of entertainment will not be allowed.
3. No girl or boy visitors will be allowed into the rooms where players are accommodated.
4. Unsavory remarks or actions towards fellow players, opposition and officials are unacceptable and will not be tolerated.
5. Bad language, both on and off the pool-deck will not be tolerated.
6. Provinces will be held liable for any damage caused by their representatives to hostels, hotels and other private property.
7. Hostel, hotel and normal provincial rules must be strictly adhered to.
8. Littering is unacceptable. Please leave all areas litter free.
9. Vandalism will not be tolerated.
10. Team initiation is not allowed as per the SA Schools Act.
11. Players appearances, fashions (e.g. hair colour), unbecoming the image of Water Polo, will not be allowed to take to the pool.
12. Players not observing the code of conduct will be viewed in a serious light and dealt with accordingly and could result in a player being sent home.
13. Any report of misconduct, both on and off the pool deck, will be heard by a Disciplinary Committee as constituted by the Tournament director.
14. Misbehaviour and continual complaints pertaining to a particular Team will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee and could result in that provincial team being disqualified.
15. Any player found guilty of contravening this code will not be allowed to continue with the Tournament.
16. Inappropriate conduct befitting a School Water Polo Tournament will result in a player being expelled from that particular Tournament and not being invited back next year.
17. WARNING: It is strongly recommended that energy drinks with warning on label against intake of children be avoided by all participants – they contain a high caffeine content, which is a banned substance, and could result in a positive drug test reading. Beware of medication – check for banned substances with your doctor and pharmacist.
18. The onus is on the player to inform the Manager of any medication that the player is taking during the time of the Tournament.
19. It is the individual team members, Manager and Captain's duty to make sure that the above codes of conduct are adhered to.
20. Good Polo, making new friends and sportsmanship is the ultimate name of the game for this Tournament.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

SA SCHOOLS WATER POLO TOURNAMENT: MANAGERS AND COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The tremendous role of the coach and the manager in preparing a team for this tournament, and being prepared to take responsibility for these children for the duration of this tournament, is greatly appreciated.

The manager needs to acquaint himself/herself with the tournament rules and the various codes of conduct, and to see that all members of his/her team comply with these. As a coach or manager may be new to a tournament of this nature, a number of points need to be made for the record:

During a game:

1. Remember that players will take their cue from the way you behave on the pool-deck and on the bench. There may be no smoking or drinking of alcohol while on the team bench.
2. Unsavory remarks towards players, opponents and officials are unacceptable, as is bad language and will be dealt with according to a “Zero Tolerance” policy.

Off the pool-deck

1. Bad language is unacceptable.
2. Alcohol may be taken in moderation but not in the company of the players.
3. Provinces will be held liable for any damage caused by their representatives to hostels, hotels and other private property. The manager needs to take responsibility for his/her team’s behaviour, and to make it clear that vandalism will not be tolerated.
4. Hostel, hotel and school rules must be strictly adhered to.
5. Team initiation is unacceptable, as per the SA Schools Act.
6. Managers and coaches need to behave appropriately at all times. Any report of misconduct, either on or off the pool-deck, will be heard by a Disciplinary Committee as constituted by the Tournament Director.
7. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a manager or coach may be removed from the bench during a game, or may even be removed from the tournament. If incidents come to light subsequent to a tournament, these will be referred back to the representatives own Provincial Executive for investigation, and could result in individuals being banned from this tournament in the future.

General

1. The coach shall strive to acquire and implement the most current knowledge of the rules, strategies and coaching methods of water polo.
2. The coach / manager shall structure a safe environment for the player during practices, competitions, travel and other functions.
3. The coach / manager shall work closely with parents to promote an understanding of the role of water polo in the total educational experience.
4. The coach / manager shall have the welfare of the player as the primary concern when making decisions that relate to the care of injuries, rehabilitation and return

- to activity.
5. The coach / manager shall promote effective communication with players, officials, fellow coaches and parents.
 6. The coach shall serve as a leader and model in the development of appropriate conduct for the player both within and beyond the sport setting.
 7. The coach / manager shall use strategies in practice and competition that reflect a standard of fairness to all competitors and that are designed to encourage play within the letter and spirit of the rules.
 8. The coach / manager shall keep the concepts of winning and losing in proper perspective.
 9. The coach / manager shall enforce all policies with fairness, consistency and an appreciation for individual differences.
 10. The coach / manager shall be knowledgeable of all Official policies and shall ensure that the regulations governing eligibility are upheld.
 11. Try to work with parents and make them part of the team rather than viewing them as critics to be avoided.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

SA SCHOOLS WATER POLO TOURNAMENT: REFEREE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The tremendous role of a Referee for this tournament, and being prepared to take responsibility for the games for the duration of this tournament, is greatly appreciated.

The Referee needs to acquaint himself/herself with the tournament rules and the various Codes of Conduct, and to see that all games, venues and teams comply with these.

As a Referee may be new to a tournament of this nature, a number of points need to be made for the record:

During a game

1. Remember that players will take their cue from the way you behave on the pool-deck before, during and after a game.
2. There may be no smoking or drinking of alcohol while on the pool deck.
3. Unsavoury remarks towards coaches, managers, players and officials are unacceptable, as is bad language and will be dealt with according to a "Zero Tolerance" policy.
4. You are in absolute control of the game; please ensure that it runs on time and according to the rules and regulations of the tournament.
5. Please wear your full whites at all times during matches and remember to present yourself in a professional manner at all times.

Off the pool-deck

1. Bad language is unacceptable.
2. Alcohol may be taken in moderation but not in the company of the players.
3. Provinces will be held liable for any damage caused by their representatives to hostels and other private property. The Referee needs to take responsibility for his/her behaviour at all times during the tournament.
4. Hostel/hotel rules must be strictly adhered to.
5. Referee's need to behave appropriately at all times. Any report of misconduct, either on or off the pool-deck, will be heard by a Disciplinary Committee as constituted by the Tournament Director. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, a Referee may be removed from the tournament. If incidents come to light subsequent to a tournament, these will be referred back to the representatives own Provincial Executive for investigation, and could result in individuals being banned from this tournament in the future.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

SA SCHOOLS WATER POLO TOURNAMENT CODE OF CONDUCT: PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

The playing of School Sport is primarily of an educational nature.

The aim of school sport is to encourage participation and to engender in players the highest standards of sportsmanship, self-discipline and control. Parents and supporters need to support these ideals in the way in which they behave on the sidelines.

Thus, at matches:

1. Positive support will be appreciated.
2. Parents and supporters are requested to refrain from directing negative comments at Referees, any other officials, players or opposition supporters.
3. Parents and supporters are asked to position themselves well clear of the pool-deck and refrain from standing or sitting behind the goals.
4. Parents are instructed to stay out of the Technical table area for the duration of the Tournament.
5. Parents and spectators are subject to the Control and regulations imposed by the Tournament Director and/or designated Tournament Officials.
6. In the event of an injury, parents and supporters are not allowed on the pool-deck and must stay out of the Technical Table area. The Manager of the team will be called onto the pool deck by the referee and the Tournament Director/Officer will communicate with you – you have given consent to the Manager to act in 'loco parentis' for the duration of the Tournament.
7. Parents are not to interfere with the Coach's team selection for any game and should refrain from communicating directly with players during a game.
8. Any supporter found in contravention of these guidelines will be asked to leave the pool enclosure immediately.
9. Parents and spectators should take up any concerns with the Tournament Director. Please do not approach individual officials, Referees and coaches.

I would respectfully request that all spectators and supporters ensure that this Code of Conduct is adhered to so as to make the Tournament enjoyable for all.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR