

NORTH IDAHO WATER POLO PARENT AND ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

I/We, the undersigned, acknowledge and understand the following Parent and Athlete Code of Conduct:

In order for the North Idaho Water Polo (“NIWP”) to compete successfully at the highest level and to ensure the safety and well-being of our players, it is essential to recognize that participation in our club is a commitment being made by entire families, not just players. Therefore, it is important that we outline our expectations for players and parents. Please read the following guidelines that we expect our players and parents to follow in order to continue to participate in NIWP.

1. Players and parents need to understand that part of the mission of the coaches is to help the players develop into mature and responsible individuals. Therefore, it is the responsibility of players to communicate directly with coaches when issues arise. If the issue remains unresolved after the player and coach speak, a parent may contact the coach. Please do not speak to the coach immediately before, during, or immediately after a game. If the issue is still unresolved after speaking with the coach, the parent may elevate the matter to a NIWP Board member.
2. Players and parents should support the players on our teams. Players and parents should refrain from making disparaging remarks about or directed at any of our players, coaches, opponents, or officials or other comments that disparage or undermine NIWP. Parents must avoid any physical or verbal confrontations with the parents, coaches, and players of our club or our opponents or with the officials. No player or parent may post disparaging comments with respect to NIWP, its players, its coaches, its opponents, or officials on any website, message board, blog, etc.
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. A player or parent should feel free to discuss their status with the coaches at an appropriate time. NIWP is a competitive water polo program. Playing time and participation on travel teams are not distributed on an equal basis and are not guaranteed by club membership.
4. No player will be allowed to participate in any practice, competitions, games, scrimmages, or other activities with NIWP unless they are registered with the club and, for some tournaments, with USAWP. All club dues must be paid in full in order for a player to be allowed to enter the water or participate in any NIWP related activities.
5. Players and parents are expected to provide their own transportation to all practices and games. As a general rule, players should arrive at games at one-hour prior to the scheduled time of the match. If you cannot be on time, be early!

By enrolling in NIWP, I/we the undersigned agree to follow the above code of conduct and understand that failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the removal of myself or my player from the NIWP without refund. I/we further understand that participation in NIWP is a privilege, not a right and that NIWP may terminate or cancel my or my player's membership with NIWP at any time without notice.