



Fraser Valley Water Polo Club

Athlete Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct applies to Registrants' conduct during FVWPC, activities, and events including, but not limited to, competitions, tournaments, games, matches, practices, tryouts, training camps, and travel associated with WPC.

The Code of Conduct also applies to Registrants' conduct outside of FVWPC activities, and events when such conduct adversely affects relationships within FVWPC (and its work and sporting environment) or when it is detrimental, or perceived to be detrimental, to the image and reputation of FVWPC. Such applicability will be determined by FVWPC at its sole discretion.

Athlete Responsibilities:

- Arrive at the advised time, well-nourished, and prepared to participate to their best abilities in all competitions, practices, training sessions, tryouts, tournaments, and events.
- Act fairly and show respect towards other players and not act in a violent manner, use foul language or gestures to other athletes, officials, coaches, or spectators
- Dress in a manner representative of FVWPC, focusing on neatness, cleanliness, and discretion.
- Act in accordance with FVWPC and WPC's policies and procedures and, when applicable, additional rules as outlined by coaches or managers
- When you use social media accounts be mindful of FVWPC and WPC's reputation. Do not post anything defamatory, harassing or indecent (this is also a good rule to follow as it may affect entry to a College, University or job in the future).
- Never ridicule a participant for a poor performance or practice.
- Never possess or use any illegal substances and/or performance enhancing drugs. *¹
- Never possess or use alcohol, marijuana, tobacco or vaping materials. *¹

*¹ Any contravention related to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vaping during an away trip is sufficient grounds for a participant to be sent home at his/her own expense.

Any contravention of the above will be dealt with by the Club or program involved. If any Club or program fails to act responsibly, Fraser Valley Water Polo Club has the right and obligation to impose sanctions.

Any physical damage occurring to, or cost arising from missing items from, a room on an away trip is the responsibility of the registered occupant(s) unless some other person is proven responsible. If more than one person is sharing a room, the cost will be shared equally if there is no admission of guilt. The Club or program involved shall be responsible for collecting any such costs.

Unacceptable behavior shall include:

- **Committing any act that would be considered an offence under Federal, Provincial, or Municipal laws.** If occurring on an away trip, the offender shall immediately be sent home at their own expense. When this is not possible the offender shall, at their own expense, be sent home as soon as possible, disqualified from further participation in a program, or games within a tournament. The family shall be informed by phone and followed up with an email.
- **Gross misbehavior** (this also includes hazing that is physically or mentally abusive).
- **Reporting for a game in an impaired condition.**



Punishment for unacceptable behavior can vary from being sent home to being issued a written caution to being restricted or barred from participating in an event. A report will be submitted on each individual incident, major or minor, so that FVWPC may decide whether further action should be taken.

Since all Clubs come under the jurisdiction of WPC, all participating Clubs are bound to supervise their teams in keeping with the WPC Code of Conduct. All complaints which may arise from such teams shall be dealt with by the WPC Discipline Committee as set up by the Board of Directors.

I _____ (Athlete) acknowledge that I have read and understood the Athletic Code of Conduct. I agree that should I not comply with these responsibilities, I (and my parents in the case of a participant under the age of 19) will accept all costs incurred should it be deemed necessary to send me home as a result.

I, _____ (Athlete) , my parents and/or guardians, heirs, executors, and administrators hereby release Fraser Valley Water Polo Club and its representatives (including organizers of a program, trip or tournament sanctioned by them) from any and all claims or actions I may have resulting from any injuries I may sustain during the course of the program and/or trip.

Signature of Parent required if under the age of 19.

PRINT ATHLETE NAME:	
ATHLETE SIGNATURE:	DATE:
PARENT /GUARDIAN:	DATE:
HEAD COACH SIGNATURE:	DATE:
