

## **PVWPC 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 Palos Verdes Water Polo Club (“PVWPC”) to compete successfully at the highest level, 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 PVWPC.

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 contact the PVWPC Director who may elevate the matter to a PVWPC Board member.
2. Parents are not coaches; the players should receive directions only from the coaching staff on the pool deck, not from parents in the stands.
3. 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 PVWPC. 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 PVWPC, its players, its coaches, its opponents, or officials on any website, message board, blog, etc.
4. It is the expectation of PVWPC that active parents and players for the club will not engage in conduct that actively undermines PVWPC or its age group teams, including but not limited to actively attempting to recruit

players and parents to leave the club and/or play for competing clubs, or using the PVWPC's resources or contact lists to do so.

5. 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 their status with the coaches at an appropriate time. PVWPC 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.
6. No player will be allowed to participate in any practice, competitions, games, scrimmages, or other activities with PVWPC unless they are registered with the club and with United States Water Polo. All club dues must be paid in full in order for a player to be allowed to enter the water or participate in any PVWPC related activities.
7. 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 the PVWPC, 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 PVWPC without refund. I/we further understand that participation in PVWPC is a privilege, not a right and that PVWPC may terminate or cancel my or my player's membership with PVWPC at any time without notice.