



Athlete Agreement & Code of Conduct

Remember that your actions in and out of the pool reflect on you and your club

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

1. Athletes are ambassadors of HB Water Polo and shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control and responsible behavior, and consideration for others' physical and emotional well-being.
2. Athletes shall treat others with respect and expect to be treated with respect in return.
3. Athletes must uphold the standards of fair play, and exhibit a high level of team spirit.
4. Athletes shall refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language.
5. Any Athlete committing an act, which is considered an offense under the law, will be dealt with by the appropriate authorities.
6. Athletes and parents will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. Athletes and parents will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the pool, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
8. Parents will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of the athlete or the safety of others.
9. Athletes and parents shall be gracious in victory and defeat; learn especially to take defeat well.
10. Athletes shall take care and be respectful with the equipment both at home and while away (NO BOUNCING BALLS ON POOL DECK OR WALLS. NO HANGING ON LANE LINES).
11. Athletes and parents shall take care to be sure pool deck is free from trash after practices and games both at home and while away.
12. Athletes shall remain at the home pool until equipment is secured, pool covers are in place, trash is removed both after practice and games, and the coach has given the athlete permission to leave.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, coach, or board member
- Written warning
- Game and/or practice suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
- Suspension or expulsion from club (no refund)