



Parent Agreement & Code of Conduct

In order for our club to compete successfully at the highest level, it is essential to recognize that participation in the Huntington Beach Water Polo Club is a commitment being made by entire families, not just players. Therefore, it is important that we outline our expectations for parents as well as players.

Please read the following guidelines that we expect our parents to follow. All parents are required to sign at the bottom of the page and return this form in order for their child to be allowed to participate on one of the club's teams.

1. Parents are allowed to attend practices and encouraged to attend games. However, parents are expected to stay off the pool deck and away from the coaches during practices and games.
2. Parents should support the players on our teams and refrain from making disparaging remarks about or directed at any of our players, coaches, opponents, or officials. Parents must avoid any physical or verbal confrontations with the parents, coaches, and players of our club or our opponents or with the officials.
3. Parents are not coaches; the players should receive their directions only from the coaching staff on the pool deck, not from parents in the stands.
4. Parents are expected to have rides available for their children at the time that practices and games are scheduled. Parents need to understand that part of the mission of the coaches is to help the players develop into mature, responsible young men and women. Therefore, it is the responsibility of players to communicate directly with coaches when issues arise. This rule is especially important for the parents of the older players.
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 negotiation with parents. A player should feel free to discuss his/her status with the coaches at an appropriate time. Playing time and travel teams are not distributed on an equal basis and are not guaranteed by club membership.
6. Parents are expected to get their children to all practices and games on time. As a general rule, players should arrive at games at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the match. If you cannot be on time, be early!
7. No player will be allowed to participate in any practice or game unless he/she is 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.