



# FRASER VALLEY WATER POLO CLUB

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## 3:0 PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

### FVWPC Parent/Guardian Code Of Conduct

FVWPC believes the essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the six core principles including: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The Club has adopted these core principles and expects each parent, in support of their athlete(s) to strictly abide by them.

The following outlines the terms and conditions of the Parent Code of Conduct. Membership in the Club is contingent upon agreement to all of the terms:

- I/We will not force my/our child to participate in the Club against his/her will.
- I/We will remember that children participate in sport to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I/We will inform the Coach of any physical or emotional disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my/our child, or the safety of others.
- I/We will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the club.
- I/We (and my/our guests) will be a positive role model for my/our child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, tournament, or other event.
- I/We (and my/our guests) will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I/We will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I/We will teach my/our child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I/We will demand that my/our child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I/We will teach my/our child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my/our child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I/We will praise my/our child for competing fairly and making the best effort possible.



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- I/We will never ridicule or yell at my/our child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I/We will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my/our child over winning.
- I/We will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I/We will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire(s) I/we may have for my/our child to win.
- I/We 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 officials or coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I/We will ensure that the sports environment for my/our child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- I/We will refrain from coaching my/our child or other athletes during games and practices, unless I/we am/are one of the official coaches of the team.
- I/We will refrain from engaging the coaches in conversation during practices and understand that if I/we have questions for the coaches that I/we need to schedule a time with the head coach (outside of practice) or a FVWP Board Member (contact information found on our website) at the coaches convenience.
- I/We understand that we are not allowed on pool deck during practices (unless pre-approved by the FVWP board) or games (unless invited in an official capacity) or engage in conversation/discussion with facilities staff regarding questions or concerns about practices or games. I/we understand that if I/we have questions relating to facilities that I/we need to schedule a time with a FVWP Board Member (contact information found on our website).
- I/We understand that my/our first point of contact with the Club is the Team Manager and questions should be directed to this person whenever possible.