



Otago Water Polo – Player Code of Conduct

As a member of Otago Water Polo (OWP), I agree to uphold the following standards of conduct and behaviour:

General Conduct

- I will **play by the rules** and uphold the spirit of the game at all times.
- I will **follow all reasonable instructions** from coaches and team managers during practices, competitions, and other team activities.
- I will **wear the official club uniform** as directed, including arrival and departure at tournaments, practices, or events.

Attitude and Behaviour

- I will display a **positive attitude**, avoid disruptive behaviour, and give honest effort at training and competitions.
- I will show **respect and sportsmanship** to coaches, teammates, officials, volunteers, team managers, and the public.
- I will not use **inappropriate language, gestures**, or engage in verbal or physical harassment.
- I will refrain from any behaviour—physical or digital—that is intended to **cause harm, injury, or embarrassment** to another player.

Respect for Property and Others

- I will respect **others' property**, the facilities we use, and any accommodation provided during tournaments or events.
- I understand that any **deliberate damage** to property may result in costs being passed on to me or my caregiver.

Substance Use

- I will **not consume alcohol, tobacco, recreational drugs, or vape** while participating in any practice, event, or tournament held by or attended as a member of Otago Water Polo.

Health and Safety

- I will comply with all **pool and venue rules** during practices and competitions.
- If I become **injured or unwell**, I (or my parent/guardian if under 18) am responsible for any **related costs**, including medical treatment and necessary travel or accommodation changes.

Conduct and Disciplinary Process

- I understand that **coaches and team managers** are responsible for determining what is acceptable behaviour.
- Any complaints made by other players, coaches, managers, or members of the public will be reviewed by the **Otago Water Polo Disciplinary Subcommittee**.
- I may be asked to **meet with the Disciplinary Subcommittee** to discuss any complaint involving me.

Possible outcomes include:

- Verbal or written warning
 - Written apology and a probation period
 - Suspension from games or competitions
 - Early return from competitions at my (or my parent's) expense
 - Suspension from the team or club
 - Permanent suspension from Otago Water Polo
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Media Consent

Please indicate if you consent to photos of your child (if under 18) being used by Otago Water Polo for promotional purposes on official social media platforms (website, Facebook, Instagram):

☐ I consent

☐ I do not consent

Acknowledgement and Signature

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to comply with the Otago Water Polo Player Code of Conduct.

Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if player is under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____