



## **Scarborough Shadow Water Polo Club (SSWPC) Parent/Guardian Code Of Conduct**

SSWPC 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, in addition to the SSWPC Code of Ethics. Membership in the Club is contingent upon agreement to all of the terms:

- I/We will inform the Coach/Team Manager of any physical or emotional disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my/our child, or the safety of others.
- 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 encourage 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 and in line with the Club policies and bylaws
- I/We will never ridicule or yell at my/our child or any other participant for making a mistake during a performance or practice
- I/We will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my/our child over winning.
- 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 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 SWP Board Member, or Team Manager (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 SWP coach) 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 SWP Team manager or a coach (contact information found on our website).
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse, coercion, intimidation and sarcasm
- Respect and show appreciation to all competitors, and to the coaches, officials and other volunteers
- I understand that I will be expected to comply with the volunteering requirements and will need to volunteer as a club member.