

Geraldton Water Polo Association

Referee / Officials Code of Behaviour

Includes: Referees, volunteer table officials, and appointed officers of Australia Water Polo Inc, Member Associations and Affiliated Clubs:

- ❖ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- ❖ Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- ❖ Display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation.
- ❖ Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with water polo (including athletes, coaches, officials, administrator, parents and spectators) and encourage other referees/officials to demonstrate these qualities.
- ❖ Be courteous, respectable and open to discussion and interaction.
- ❖ Make a commitment to providing quality service to officiating your state and AWPI by seeking continual improvement of your officiating knowledge and skill through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- ❖ Maintain and improve your knowledge of the rules.
- ❖ Operate within the rules and spirit of water polo.
- ❖ Abide by and respect the regulations governing water polo and sport generally and the organizations and individuals administering those regulations.
- ❖ Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes, officials, parents and coaches.
 - This includes verbal and physical abuse
- ❖ Refrain from any form of sexual harassment.
 - This includes explicit, implicit, verbal and non-verbal sexual harassment. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- ❖ Ensure that equipment and facilities meet rule requirements and safety standards.
- ❖ Be Impartial.
- ❖ Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- ❖ Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.
- ❖ Encourage inclusivity and access to all areas of officiating.

- ❖ Be a positive role model for refereeing and officiating.