



# Coaches Code of Conduct Policy

## **OWP COACHING CODE OF ETHICS**

As a member coach of the Ontario Water Polo Association, coaches must agree to abide by the following coaches' code of ethics:

### **I. Respect for Participants**

The principle of respect for participants encourages coaches to act in a manner that is respectful of the dignity of all participants in sport. Fundamental to this principle is the basic assumption that each person has value and is worthy of respect.

### **II. Responsible Coaching**

The principle of responsible coaching carries the basic ethical expectation that the activities of coaches will benefit society in general and participants in particular and furthermore will do no harm. Fundamental to the implementation of this principle is the notion of competence. Responsible coaching (maximizing benefits and minimizing risks to participants) is performed by coaches who are "well prepared and current" in their discipline.

### **III. Integrity in Relationships**

Integrity means that coaches are expected to be honest, sincere and honourable in their relationships with others. Acting on these values is most possible when coaches possess a high degree of self-awareness and the ability to reflect critically on how their perspectives influence their interactions with others.

### **IV. Honouring Sport**

The principle of honouring sport challenges coaches to recognize, act on and promote the value of sport for individuals and teams as well as for society in general.

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Name – please print

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Date

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Signature