

ST5 – STATE TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline for the standard of conduct expected of players and officials of South Australian Water Polo Representative State Teams (RST) during training, travel and competition, and at other times where they are identifiable as State Team representatives.

GENERAL

- Coaches and managers of a RST are to be appointed by the Board of SAWPI.
- The Board may appoint Assistant Managers and/or Manageresses for a RST.
- All arrangements for tours and competition must be submitted to and passed by the Board before circulation of details to players and their parents.
- Separate coaches and managers will be appointed for each team competing.
- Where possible, each team will be provided with separate accommodation.
- Payment of all monies owing must be paid before departure by the specified date or players will not be able to travel.

STANDARDS

- All players and officials are required to conduct themselves in the manner now expected of elite sports persons and professional officials, reflecting the policies and standards set by the Australian Sports Commission, South Australian Water Polo Inc, and sponsor organisations.
- All members of a RST shall sign the Medical Information and Player's Agreement forms (Forms ST1 and ST2) to be eligible to represent South Australia in Interstate or International competition. The form is to be distributed and collected by Team Management. The declaration must be signed before departure.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- All players and officials are expected to participate in the true spirit of sportsmanship.
- Only the Coach and Team Captain are to involve themselves in any way with the referees or Table Officials.
- Actions in and out of the water are not to bring Water Polo into disrepute.
- During warm up there should be no 'playing around' before games, out of water warm ups should be done quietly and conscientiously by each player without distraction from others.

LOYALTY

- All players are to be loyal to their Team, Coach, and management, and follow instructions of the Coach,

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Captain and Manager at all times.

UNIFORM and GENERAL ATTIRE

- Players and officials should be neatly dressed at all times, and wear the appropriate Team Uniform as nominated by the Board of Directors.

LEGAL BEHAVIOUR

- There is to be no illegal behaviour by players or officials. This includes:
 - No obscene behaviour.
 - No under age drinking at all times. (Where a player is of legal age, the Team Manager will use suitable discretion during the period of the tournament).
 - No provision or consumption of illegal drugs.
 - No provision or consumption of performance enhancing substances.
 - No attendance at licensed premises (i.e. nightclubs or bars).

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The standard of behaviour of players and officials in and out of the water should be of a high standard and generate no public criticism.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- Behaviour that would bring the sport, the team or the State into disrepute will not be tolerated and a player who behaves in such a way will be returned home immediately, any additional costs being borne by the player. Repeated serious misbehaviour will put the future selection in State teams in doubt

RELATED POLICY & PROCEDURE

AD2 – Code of Conduct

ST1 - Representative State Team

ST2 - Representative State Team Referees

ST3 - Representative State Team Coaches

ST3 - Role of Manager / Manageress

ST4 - State Team Code of Conduct

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