

# CAC Code of Conduct

We are happy to have you and your family as members of the Coronado Aquatics Club (CAC). CAC believes that its excellence as an organization must be reflected both in and out of the water. To achieve that end, we adhere to a Code of Conduct, and expect all members, including players, parents, and coaches to do the same.

As a **Member**, your actions reflect upon not only yourself and your team, but also the rest of the organization. We also have an obligation to our community to be good citizens. All players, parents and coaches are expected to:

- Set a good example at all times.
- Avoid inappropriate behavior, including theft, substance abuse, violent conduct, foul language, negative discussions about other parents, players, coaches, or teams, etc., in and out of the water.
- Adhere to the rules of the game.
- Take victory modestly and defeat graciously.
- Treat players, parents, coaches, referees and other officials with dignity and respect.

In addition to the above, **Players** are expected to:

- Play the game for the game's sake, for the fun of it.
- Attempt to win through your skill, effort, teamwork, and fair play.
- Pick up any trash around the pool, ie. water bottles, wrappers
- Treat teammates and opponents with dignity and respect.
- Be a good teammate.
- Attend practices and games, on time, and let the coach know of conflicts.
- Avoid inappropriate contact (physical, verbal, written, photographic, including via internet or text messages) with other players and/or coaches.

**Coaches** are expected to serve as teachers, mentors, and leaders whose attitudes and behavior will set the tone for the players. In addition to the above applicable standards, coaches must:

- Set high standards for your own and your players' conduct and attendance and enforce the same.
- Ensure the safety and well being of players.
- Treat all players honestly and fairly.
- Be committed to help all of your players reach their highest potential as players.
- Encourage teamwork and fair play.
- Ensure players treat each other with mutual respect. Discourage cliques.
- Communicate openly and often with the parents of your players.
- Avoid Inappropriate contact (physical, verbal, written, photographic, including via internet or text messages) with players and/or parents.

**Parents** are not only supporters of their children and the team, but also are role models whose actions reflect upon the players, the team, and the club. In addition to the above, parents are expected to:

- Remember the game is for your daughter or son, not for you. Don't attempt to re-live your youth at the expense of your child's enjoyment of the game.
- Encourage and support your child in meeting his or her responsibilities to the team. Set a good example by your conduct and good sportsmanship.
- Allow the coach to direct the play of the team. Your son or daughter can't hear the coach if you are yelling at the player or the referee.
- Remember that in ten years no one will remember the score or who won a game, and that your child's water polo career is a long-term growth process and not an end in and of itself.

- Communicate openly with your child's coach. As with any activity involving a large group of people, minor misunderstandings and disagreements will arise during the course of a season.
- Pay your fees on time, as there is a business side to our organization. Our club needs your fiscal cooperation in order to sustain it. Delinquent accounts may result in your child not being able to play in league or tournament games.
- Remember that members of the CAC Board are volunteers, and have given extensively of their own time and effort to make your child's water polo experience a good one. Please treat all of them as you would want them to treat you.
- If you would like to help the club as a volunteer, please contact a board member.

**Club Board Members** are responsible for providing the direction and organization for the Club. Their decisions and actions will set the tone for all. In addition to the above applicable standards, Club officials are expected to:

- Remember that we exist for the benefit of youth and not for the egos of adults.
- Conduct the business of the Club with honesty, integrity and openness.

Conformance to this Code of Conduct will ensure our Club holds itself to the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play. It will help to make this experience a positive one for our members.

**Violations of the Code of Conduct:**

Minor violations should be resolved within the team. Serious or unresolved violations should be reported to and reviewed by the Board of Directors. Actions may range from caution, personal apology, probation, service work, suspension or expulsion this year and/or next year. As a member of the Club, each of us is responsible for our actions and will be held accountable for them.

**Please sign below, stipulating that:**

I will abide by the Code of Conduct and will support the Club in implementing this code with my child.

I agree to pay all fees as outlined (unless an alternate arrangement has been made through an approved financial assistance contract). I understand that failure to remain current with my fees will result in my child not being eligible to participate in games and tournaments.

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_