

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

POLICY STATEMENT

Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) parents/guardians are expected to:

- show appreciation for volunteer coaches, managers, officials and administrators
- respect the right, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion;
- respect decisions of officials and WRAS personnel and teach children to do likewise;
- focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose;
- never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition;
- remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate and support skilled performances by all participants;
- display appropriate social behavior by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators;
- always communicate with WRAS personnel, including athletes, coaches, managers, officials, administrators and other parents in a calm and respectful manner;
- report any behaviour by WRAS members, including athletes, coaches, managers, officials, administrators and other parents, that you believe contravenes the WRAS Codes of Behaviour, to the Executive Officer, Chair or Member Protection Information Officer;
- leave facilities free from litter or other mess;
- always be a positive role model for children; and
- understand that the WRAS insurance coverage is limited and it is recommended that athletes have adequate Private Health insurance and extra cover

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

The following are deemed unacceptable behaviours by WRAS parents/guardians and are grounds for sanctions if undertaken:

- discriminating against, harassing, bullying or making derogatory or demeaning remarks about, or to anyone;
- making any sexual comments or advances that offend, intimidate or humiliate others;
- making insulting comments towards someone in relation to their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion;
- males entering rooms of females, females entering rooms of males;
- being in the possession of offensive materials at WRAS events;
- gambling, wagering or betting at or on WRAS events;
- knowingly circulating false or misleading information about any WRAS athlete or member;
- misrepresenting the nature or extent of an injury or illness to allow an athlete to participate in a competition, training camp or other similar activity when such participation is inconsistent with the appropriate medical response to the injury or illness;

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- not respecting all property and facilities utilised by WRAS including accommodation, furnishings, uniforms and equipment;
- not respecting the personal property of WRAS athletes or members;
- borrowing money from WRAS squad staff; and
- exhibitions of poor sportsmanship (including abuse of officials)

Note: No policy can address, in specific fashion, all possible situations, which may take place. When this policy does not address a specific behaviour, parents/guardians are expected to conduct themselves and their activities in a spirit of social responsibility and respect for others.

Whilst WRAS staff and squad staff will provide as much supervision as possible in attempting to fulfil their duty of care to athletes, athletes and their parents/guardians should be aware that direct 24 hour supervision for all athletes is not always possible. Consequently, all WRAS members will be accountable for their own actions at all times whether under direct or indirect supervision of staff.

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