

# RESIDENTIAL CAMPS POLICY - ATHLETE

## POLICY STATEMENT

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Athletes are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner when representing the Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS).

This document covers specific situations where a squad is in a residential camp situation. These guidelines should at all times be implemented in conjunction with the "Athlete Code of Behaviour" policy which all WRAS athletes have agreed to abide by when accepting their WRAS scholarship.

## DEFINITION

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For the purpose of this policy, residential camp situation refers to excursions when a WRAS squad resides together to compete in tournaments and/or residential squad training camps.

## GUIDELINES

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These guidelines are intended to ensure the wellbeing of all WRAS members staying together at an overnight WRAS event.

### Behaviour

Athletes are expected to abide by the WRAS Code of Behaviour at all times.

Any athlete who demonstrates improper behaviour will be warned immediately by the head coach (or manager). If the athlete continues to demonstrate unacceptable behaviour, the head coach (or manager) will contact a parent or guardian to request they collect the athlete from the training camp/event or tournament.

### Unacceptable behaviour - zero tolerance

Minor behavioural issues will be given a warning however WRAS has a zero tolerance policy toward the following behaviours:

- Athletes using or supplying alcohol, tobacco or prohibited drugs
- Male athletes entering female rooms or toilets/shower facilities
- Female athletes entering male rooms or toilets/shower facilities
- Phones or cameras used in bathrooms or change rooms
- Inappropriate videos or photos taken of another person
- Videos or photos taken of another person without their consent

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Any athletes exhibiting the above behaviours will take no further part in any squad or training activities. The athlete's parent/guardian will be contacted and be required to make arrangements to collect their child.

Following the camp/event, the WRAS Executive Officer will conduct a review of the matter and decide if the athlete will be expelled from WRAS.

### **Travel**

Where athletes are required to travel with the WRAS squad, all arrangements will be made by WRAS. Athletes will be advised of meeting locations and times prior to departure.

The bus will not wait for any athletes. If an athlete is late and misses the bus, a parent/guardian is required to transport the athlete to the camp/event.

### **Uniform**

Athletes will be advised prior to the camp/event what WRAS uniform items are required to be worn during organised activities ie travelling, training, team dinner, etc.

### **Accommodation**

Where athletes are required to travel with the WRAS squad, all accommodation arrangements will be made by WRAS. Accommodation facilities will have separate bedrooms and shower/toilet facilities for male and female athletes.

Athletes are required to check their room for any damages when they are checking in and notify the WRAS manager if there are any damages to their room. If an athlete causes any damage to the room, an invoice for the damage will be sent to the parent/guardian for payment. If WRAS cannot determine who caused the damage, everyone in the room will be invoiced equally.

WRAS has a zero tolerance policy to any athletes caught in rooms or toilet/shower facilities of the opposite sex.

Athletes must not leave the accommodation or training venue without permission from the head coach or manager.

### **Personal belongings and mobile phones**

Athletes will be responsible for all their personal belongings at training camps/events.

The WRAS head coach or manager will determine when mobile phones can be used by athletes.

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Some camps may have a strict no phone rule. In this case, parents/guardians will be given the mobile number of the WRAS manager or head coach to contact for emergencies. If an athlete needs to contact a parent /guardian they can do so through the head coach or manager.

### **Injury, Illness and Medications**

The WRAS manager will have a confidential list of all athletes medical conditions prior to the camp/event.

Athletes are responsible for administering their medication unless requested otherwise to the WRAS office prior to the camp/event.

Parents/guardians or athletes are responsible for updating the WRAS office if there are any changes to their medical conditions throughout the WRAS program. The WRAS staff cannot assist with administering any medical treatment or medication if we aren't aware of the condition.

Under no circumstances are athletes allowed to distribute medication to any other athletes in the squad without approval from the WRAS manager.

### **RESOURCES & REFERENCES**

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- Athlete Code of Behaviour
- Social Media Policy
- Member Protection Policy
- Privacy Policy

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