

# PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

## POLICY STATEMENT

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Everyone involved with the Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) has the right to feel safe at all times. All WRAS members have the right to be treated in a non-discriminatory way and receive a fair go. You should treat all participants as you would like to be treated yourself. Cooperation with athletes, squad staff and office staff is crucial to success in WRAS and sport in general. All parents/guardians of WRAS athletes are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity and respect for others and be a responsible citizen and community role model. Parents/Guardians are expected to respect the rights, dignity and worth of all WRAS members and participants regardless of their ability, gender or cultural background.

The Code of Behaviour should not be read as a series of rules but rather as a practical guide based on a common sense approach to help parents/guardians make decisions in line with WRAS values. It outlines the behaviour expected of all parents/guardians.

### WRAS Values

QUALITY - we deliver the best possible services.

INTEGRITY - we exercise the highest ethical standards in all our activities and interactions.

CARE - we care about our athletes, staff and stakeholders.

RESPONSIVENESS - we consider and respond to individual needs supporting a continuous improvement approach.

INNOVATION - we respond with solutions that may not have been considered.

RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY - we expect the principles of mutual obligation and respect to apply in all our relationships.

## EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

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WRAS parents/guardians are expected to:

- Respect decisions of officials and WRAS personnel.
- Display appropriate social behaviour by not using profane, demeaning, or derogatory language, or harassing athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- Always communicate with WRAS personnel, including athletes, managers, coaches, officials, administrators and other parents/guardians in a calm and respectful manner.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, managers, officials, and administrators.
- 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, WRAS Chairman or Member Protection Information Officer.
- Respect the right, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than whether they win or lose.

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- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Leave facilities free from litter or other mess.
- Always be a positive role model for children.

## UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

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

- Discriminating against, harassing, bullying, or making derogatory or demeaning remarks about, or to anyone.
- Exhibitions of poor sportsmanship (including abuse of coaches/officials/athletes).
- Making insulting comments towards someone in relation to their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion.
- Making any sexual comments or advances that offend, intimidate, or humiliate others.
- Males entering rooms of females, females entering rooms of males whilst at WRAS camps/events.
- 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.
- Not respecting all property and facilities utilised by WRAS including accommodation, furnishings, uniforms, and equipment.
- Not respecting the personal property of WRAS athletes, squad staff or members.
- Borrowing money from WRAS squad staff.

Note: No policy cannot 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.

## BREACH OF POLICY

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Parents/guardians who are found to be in breach of this Code of Behaviour may be asked to leave WRAS training sessions or events. Depending on the severity of the breach, parents/guardians may be banned from all WRAS events.

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