

## **Pegasus Water Polo Academy Code of Conduct**

It shall be the responsibility of all Pegasus Water Polo Academy Athletes and Parents to comply with any and all Pegasus and/or Team rules for training sessions and local, regional, or national tournaments.

These rules will apply to any trip as each athlete will be representing Pegasus Water Polo Academy. These rules and regulations have been established by the Pegasus Water Polo Academy coach and administrative staff.

All members consent to abide by the rules of conduct below. These rules apply to behavior during all Pegasus activities at all locations. If the rules are violated, members may be subject to whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate by the coach and the Pegasus administrative staff.

The consequences for violating the team rules at Pegasus sponsored trips, training sessions, and other Pegasus activities may include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- (1) immediate suspension from the current Pegasus activity.
- (2) being sent home immediately from team trips at personal expense for serious offenses or repeated minor infractions.
- (3) being suspended from future in state or travel games and/or tournaments.
- (4) community service requirements determined by the coaches or administrative staff; or
- (5) being terminated from membership in the program.

### **Inappropriate behavior will neither be condoned nor tolerated.**

Athlete Rules of Conduct: (Failure to adhere to any of the following will be seen as a serious Infraction.)

1. All athletes will abide by any specific policies, regulations, or procedures of Pegasus whether written or unwritten.
2. There will be NO physical, verbal, racial, sexual intimidation, or hazing of any individual.
3. Each athlete will follow the instructions of the coaches, team managers, and chaperones at all times during training, competitions, or team events. This may include following assignments for carrying equipment and assisting with other tasks that may be requested from time to time.
4. Each athlete shall attend ALL team meetings and games. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Each athlete shall attend ALL team meals, unless specifically stated as OPTIONAL or with prior approval of the coach AND the team parent.
6. Each athlete traveling alone (without their parent(s)) shall be responsible for maintaining a constant method of communication with the team, coach, and team parents AT ALL TIMES. (Example – keeping phones charged and answering all team related calls and texts promptly)

7. Each athlete will refrain from negative comments about teammates, tactics, team programs and plans, room assignments or any other items that may be disruptive to team unity with other players.
8. All athletes will be respectful of and accept all decisions of the referee.
9. Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room or other person will not be tolerated (Restitution will be a required part of any penalty imposed.)
10. Any action considered being an offense under federal, state, or local laws/ordinances will not be tolerated.
11. All athletes will refrain from using, transporting, administering, and supply tobacco or alcohol.
12. We expect all athletes to not engage in overt public displays of affection or in overt sexual activity of any nature while traveling with the club.
13. Any discussions between athletes, parents, and a coach regarding playing time, substitution patterns or tactics will take place privately before or after training or competitions with the coaching staff.

On team trips, all members agree to be responsible members of Pegasus Water Polo Academy and behave in a manner reflecting well on themselves, their teammates, coaches, chaperones, and managers of Pegasus. Members understand that smoking, consumption of alcohol, use of drugs not prescribed by a physician, or inappropriate behavior, shall cause them to be sent home immediately at their parents' expense, and may lead to disciplinary action including expulsion from Pegasus.

Further, ***members understand that being in the company of anyone engaged in such behavior shall be deemed participation by them.***

Members understand that the coaching staff, managers and chaperones will set all schedules and standards of conduct for the entire duration of the trip. Members agree to participate in all team activities and arrangements. Members agree to cooperate with staff at all times.

Violations of these standards shall result in the member being sent home immediately at their parents' expense and shall lead to disciplinary action including expulsion from Pegasus Water Polo Academy.

**All parents and guardians / chaperones will discuss Pegasus Water Polo Academy's expectations and possible consequences with their son or daughter before any trip and agree to abide by and enforce the decision of Pegasus should any infraction by the athlete for which they are responsible occur.**

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