

PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

POLICY STATEMENT

Wide Bay Sports Academy inc (WBSA) parents / Guardian 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 WBSA 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 behaviour by not using profane, demeaning or derogatory language, or harassing athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- always communicate with WBSA personnel, including athletes, managers, coaches, officials, administrators and other parents in a calm and respectful manner.
- Report any behaviour by WBSA members, including athletes, coaches, managers, officials, administrators and other parents, that you believe contravenes the WBSA Codes of Behaviour, to the Executive Officer or WBSA Chairman.
- leave facilities clean and tidy and free from litter.
- always be a positive role model for children; and
- understand that the WBSA 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 WBSA parents / Guardian and are grounds for sanctions 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 whilst away at WBSA camps/events.
- being in the possession of offensive materials at WBSA events.
- gambling, wagering or betting at or on WBSA events.
- knowingly circulating false or misleading information about any WBSA 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 WBSA including accommodation, furnishings, uniforms, facilities and equipment.
- not respecting the personal property of WBSA athletes, squad staff or members.
- borrowing money from WBSA 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/Athletes are expected to conduct themselves and their activities in a spirit of social responsibility and respect for others.

Whilst WBSA 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/Athletes should be aware that direct 24hour supervision for all athletes is not always possible. Consequently, all WBSA members will be accountable for their own actions at all times whether under direct or indirect supervision of staff.

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

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