

## **Appendix C: Coaches Code of Conduct Acknowledgement**

- I will do my best to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will not defend or engage in actions, in or out of the water, which are not consistent with good sportsmanship, including abusive, discriminatory, intimidating and/or profane body language or gestures directed at anyone.
- I will consistently display high personal and professional standards and project a positive image of the sport and of coaching.
- I will communicate with players, parents, officials, volunteers and administrators honestly, generously and with integrity.
- I will deal with difficult calls by officials appropriately (calmly and quietly), and within the rules of the governing body for Canadian water polo.
- I will treat players fairly and equally. This does not mean equal playing time. It means that each player is as important as the next to the coach, and will be helped to improve their skills; in the case of misconduct, the discipline will be based solely on the act and not on the player's ability.
- I will set attainable goals for the team and individual players while encouraging safety and fun for everyone.
- I will lead by example, and respect the rules of the game.
- I will work continuously to learn more about the game and to improve my coaching skills.
- I will consider the academic pressures placed on student-athletes and conduct training and events in a manner that supports academic success.
- I will, under no circumstances, provide, promote or condone the use of drugs or performance-enhancing substances.
- I will also abide by the <u>Code of Ethics of the Coaching Association of Canada</u>.

Print and Signature of Coach	Date

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