

Atlantis City Water Polo and Aquatics Club Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your child and of their team mates. Your encouragement will do more to ensure good self discipline than any other influence.

While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of any game.

1. Support your child

By giving encouragement and showing interest in the team.

2. Always be positive

Applaud good plays from both teams. Only one team can win the game but both teams can enjoy the game without criticism from the sideline.

3. Please remember you are not the coach or referee

Parents calling from the sideline - while well intentioned - often give inappropriate advice at the wrong time. If there are any sideline instructions these need to be given by the coach only. Remain well back from the sidelines and within the spectator area. What you say before, during and after the game matters, keep positive and neutral.

4. Demonstrate a positive attitude toward your opponents and their families

Our opponents always deserve respect. Your child may well end up playing in the same team as opposition players later – we have many players making national squads and teams alongside our club opposition.

5. Remember that your child wants to have fun

It is your child playing, not you. Your child must establish their own goals – to play the game for themselves. They also need to learn to stand on their own two feet and build resilience in their own way.