



# Ontario Water Polo

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## **STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR**

**1.1 Standard of Behaviour.** Spectators, Team Officials, Club Officials, Game Officials, League Officials and players are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all games, whether regular season, exhibition, playoff or tournament. Spectators, Team Officials, Club Officials, Game Officials, League Officials and players shall not use abusive, profane or discriminatory language that is directed at any other person. Any act of physical violence, or threatened physical violence, by any spectator, Team Official, Club Official, Game Official, League Official or player against any other person (other than physical acts that are part of the game of Water Polo), will not be tolerated. No Team Official, Club Official, Game Official, League Official or player shall engage in conduct, whether in the pool or out of the pool, that brings the Association, League, any Club or Team into disrepute.

**1.2 Ejection from Game.** Any spectator, Team Official, Club Official, League Official or player who behaves in a manner that does not meet the standard described in Rule 1.1 may, in the Game Official's discretion, be ejected from the game or the playing area of any game. In the case of any Team Official, Club Official or player participating in the game, any such ejection may be in addition to any penalty that may be imposed by the Game Official under the rules of Water Polo. In the case of any ejection of a spectator, the onus of ensuring that the spectator obeys the ejection falls upon the Team to which the spectator is related. The Game Official may delay any game until any ejection is complied with. If the spectator refuses to obey the ejection, the Tournament Discipline committee can declare the team that the spectator is related to has forfeited the game.

**1.3 Damage to Facilities.** Any spectator, Team Official, Club Official or player who causes any damage to any facility will be subject to such discipline as may be imposed by the Board or Discipline Committee. The President shall have the power to impose any interim discipline pending a hearing before the Board or Discipline Committee. In addition, the player, Team Official or Club Official responsible for the damage may be assessed the expenses related to fixing such damage and may be barred from further competition.

**1.4 Banishment of Spectator.** Any spectator whose conduct in a facility is found by the Board or any Discipline Committee to be disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game may be banned from such facility(s) as determined by the Board or Discipline Committee for a specified period of time. The onus of enforcing such a ban falls upon the Club to which the spectator is related. In any instance where the Club has difficulty enforcing the ban, the Board may void the Registration Certificate or suspend the player to whom such spectator is related.

**1.5 Suspension of Team Officials, Club Officials and Players.** In addition to ejection from a particular game pursuant to Rule 1.2, any Team Official, Club Official or player whose conduct does not meet the standard required by Rule 1.1 may be required by the President to appear at a hearing before the Board or a Discipline Committee. Upon completion of the hearing, the Board or the Discipline Committee shall be entitled to impose such further suspension or discipline as it, in its discretion, considers appropriate having regard to the behaviour of the Team Official, Club Official or player.



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**1.6 Suspension or Discipline of Game Officials.** Any Game Official whose behaviour does not meet the standard described in Rule 1.1 may be disciplined for such failure by the Chair of the Technical Committee or may be required by the President to appear at a hearing before the Board or a Discipline Committee. Upon completion of the hearing, the Board or the Discipline Committee will be entitled to impose such further suspension or discipline as it, in its discretion, considers appropriate having regard to the behaviour of the Game Official.