



### **Water Polo Champion's League Code of Conduct**

It is our intention to see the Champion's League become the premier venue for elite water polo in the United States. With that said it is important for all clubs to remember that this is a product and our ability to market this product will directly reflect the level of professionalism with which we all operate. All guidelines presented in the USA Water Polo Code of Conduct will apply. Below you will see the infraction fee schedule and some general guidelines of professionalism that the league will operate within. It is important that we all monitor the players within our team and control their behavior.

#### **I. Red card**

- a. Red card #1: \$100 fine to the club.
- b. Red Card #2: \$150 fine to the club.
- c. Red card #3: \$250 fine to the club.
  - i. Upon receipt of a 3<sup>rd</sup> red card for any club, the club will be required to pay the penalty along with attend a hearing of the owner's committee.
    1. Hearing May take place via teleconference.
    2. Owner's Committee will determine penalty for the next red card and additional sanctions for cards to follow.

#### **II. Yellow Card**

- a. Referees will issue yellow cards for any in appropriate activities including but not limited to the following:
  - i. Foul language: verbal warning, yellow card, and then Red Card.
  - ii. Inappropriate behavior 15 minutes before or 15 minutes after a game.
  - iii. Verbal exchange with fans: Immediate yellow, then red.
  - iv. Verbal exchange at half with opposing coach: immediate yellow, then red.

#### **III. Coaches Behavior**

- a. Coaches may address the referee in a normal tone of voice when at their end of the pool.



- b. Should the coach yell across the pool: ball is pulled out coach is warned.
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> time yelling across the pool: yellow, 3<sup>rd</sup>: red.
  - d. Coaches May address the referees at halftime immediately adjacent to the scorable.
    - i. Each coach may have one minute.
- IV. Player behavior
- a. Player behavior will be strictly monitored by the referee and while a bit of feedback will be tolerated, inappropriate feedback, ie (offensive language, yelling or screaming, threats) will be the basis for an immediate red card
  - b. Brutality will result in a \$100 fine and a game exclusion to be served following the game in which the card was received. Furthermore, if a second act of brutality occurs, the player will be subject to a hearing in front of the owners committee for further sanctions which could include suspension or removal from the league.