

SEATTLE OTTERS WATER POLO CLUB



Athlete Code of Conduct, Assumption of Risk, Release of Liability, and Medical Authorization

1. Athlete Code of Conduct

As an athlete, I will aspire to participate in water polo to the best of my ability and play by the rules established by United States Water Polo, Inc. (USA Water Polo).

- **Behavior & Sportsmanship:** I will use positive verbal and physical behavior, controlling temper and aggression. I will show fair play by treating all those involved on the team with dignity and respect, and treat others as I would like to be treated.
- **Integrity & Responsibility:** I will tell the truth about another person's involvement in or knowledge of something that violates the rules. I will maintain a positive image of myself by playing water polo for enjoyment.
- **Dedication & Facility Respect:** I will work hard and honestly to improve performance and participation, and I will respect and safely use any facility we are at for either practice, scrimmage, or sanctioned events.

2. Voluntary Participation & Assumption of Risk

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is aware that engaging in water polo or other aquatic activities inevitably involves the potential for physical injury. Inherent risks include, but are not limited to:

- Scratches, bruises, sprains, muscle strains, and concussions.
- Contact with other players, pool walls, lane lines, or water polo equipment.
- Serious injury, permanent disability, or accidental drowning.

The undersigned knowingly, freely, and voluntarily assumes all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others, and assumes full responsibility for participation.

3. Release and Waiver of Liability

In consideration for being allowed to participate in Seattle Otters Water Polo Club activities (including practices, scrimmages, matches, conditioning, and pool deck operations at Medgar Evers Pool or secondary venues), the undersigned agrees to release, waive, discharge, and hold harmless the following parties, along with their employees, officers, coaches, volunteers, and agents, for any physical injury, property damage, claims, demands, or losses resulting from or arising out of the undersigned's participation in any water polo or team activities:

- The Seattle Otters Water Polo Club and Foundation
- The City of Seattle and the Seattle Parks Department
- Other entities with which the team contracts or operates

4. USA Water Polo Membership Verification

The undersigned acknowledges and confirms that they maintain a current, active membership with USA Water Polo, Inc. so that they are included in and covered by its insurance program during club activities and events.

5. Medical Authorization & Emergency Consent

In the event of an injury or medical emergency during club activities, the undersigned authorizes Seattle Otters members or designated facility representatives to seek emergency medical treatment on their behalf if they are unable to consent. The undersigned accepts full financial responsibility for any medical treatment or transportation costs incurred.