



Sabertooth Water Polo – Community Guidelines & Code of Conduct

1. Membership & Eligibility

- **USA Water Polo Membership Required:** All participants must hold a current and active USA Water Polo membership (minimum: Bronze Athlete level) before entering the water. Proof of membership must be provided upon request.
- **Club Dues:** All players must pay program dues in full and on time. Dues support facility rental, equipment, insurance requirements, and administrative operations.

2. Purpose of the Program

- This Masters program exists to provide structured scrimmage play, training opportunities, and a community for experienced adult athletes.
- **The club is not an instructional program.** While athletes may learn from each other organically, coaches and organizers are not responsible for providing formal instruction or developmental training.

3. Respect & Sportsmanship

- Treat all teammates, opponents, referees, and staff with respect and courtesy.
- Excessive aggression, taunting, intimidation, or unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.
- Disagreements must be handled calmly and professionally. Repeated issues may result in removal from the program.

4. Safety Expectations

- Players must demonstrate control and awareness in the water, recognizing that Masters sessions often include a wide range of ages and fitness levels.
- Dangerous play—including striking, kicking, retaliatory actions, or playing with excessive force—may result in immediate removal from the pool.
- Players must be competent swimmers before joining; Masters sessions assume foundational swimming ability and are not appropriate for individuals learning to swim.
- Report any injuries or unsafe conditions to a coach or program administrator promptly



5. Attendance & Communication

- Members are expected to communicate availability and RSVP when required.
- Notify program leadership promptly if you cannot attend a session you committed to.

6. Facility Rules

- All members must follow host facility rules, including locker room etiquette, equipment use, and deck protocols.

7. Inclusivity & Anti-Harassment Policy

- Harassment, discrimination, or abusive language—whether based on race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or ability—will not be tolerated.
- Violations may result in suspension or removal from the club.

8. Equipment & Gear

- Members should bring appropriate water polo gear (caps, suits, goggles).
- Shared club equipment must be treated with care and respect.

9. Conduct at Team Events

- Members are expected to behave responsibly at all club-related events.
- Any conduct that negatively reflects on the program may result in disciplinary action.

10. Compliance & Enforcement

- Membership signifies agreement to all guidelines listed above.
- Club leadership reserves the right to warn, suspend, or remove any member whose actions violate program standards or compromise safety or community spirit.