

Newport Harbor Water Polo Parent Expectations

1. Always represent Newport Harbor in a positive manner.
2. Support the coach. Think of your child's coach as his/her teacher. While in the team setting, it is the coach's responsibility to focus on specifics of teaching skills and running the games. It's the parents' responsibility to praise their child's effort.
3. Recognize and acknowledge the learning process, not the end result. Your child is learning the game and mistakes are an important part of learning.
4. It's very easy to become emotional on the sidelines of your child's games. Be aware that it is confusing for a child to have many adults yelling different things to them. Avoid yelling directions ("Shoot!, Get Open, Pass" etc.) and focus on encouragement and positive reinforcement. Obviously avoid pacing the sidelines and yelling negative comments like, "what are you doing?" and "come on!"
5. Foster the educational benefits of your child's participation in youth sports. Leadership, commitment, goal setting and preparation are life lessons taught through youth sports, and are even more important than athletic benefits.
6. Be a good example and support the referees. Mistakes will be made. Respect their efforts and encourage your kids to do the same. There will be a zero tolerance policy for berating or verbally assaulting refs
7. Teach your child, through your example, how to be a good sport. Keep in mind that excessively loud or inappropriate parental behavior on the sidelines is embarrassing to you, your child and your child's team and reflects poorly on the whole program.
8. Playing time and roster decisions will **NOT** be discussed with parents. If the athlete has a question, he or she should schedule a mutually agreed upon time to discuss with his or her direct coach.
9. If parents would like to meet with the coaching staff, they will need to find a mutually agreed upon time to do so. Parents should not approach the coaches on the pool deck!

If a parent fails to meet the expectations listed in this document, he or she may be asked to leave the pool deck. Multiple violations may lead to the removal of their child from the team.

Please sign the following document. Athletes will not be allowed to participate until this is signed and handed in to the appropriate coach.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____