WAPA Inc. Code of Conduct for Members (Individuals & Clubs)

This Code is directed to all members of WAPA Inc who participate in this sport of pistol shooting; whether doing so at Club, Open, State, National, International, Commonwealth or Olympic Level; and relates both to Conduct and Responsibility.

1. Individuals.

1.1. At all times respect the dignity and worth of all others involved, whether contestants, officials or spectators.
1.2. Do not indulge in, nor accept, acts of aggression or verbal 'sledging'.
1.3. Maintain your personal confidence and awareness of your own worth, ability and personal responsibilities.
1.4. Respect the talent and ability, potential and development of fellow club and/or team members and other competitors; regardless of age, cultural background, ethnicity, religion or gender.
1.5. Maintain high personal standards of appearance and behaviour at all times; wearing team, state or country of origin colours and/or uniforms with pride as and when required and in a cleanly condition.
1.6. Be punctual on and off range.
1.7. Know and abide by all match rules, regulations and protocols.
1.8. Respect the decisions of officials without becoming overawed by any.
1.9. Ensure that any appeal which you consider necessary is made in a timely manner, through the formal process, without 'brow-beating' any official or any other person.
1.10. Respect the final decision where the formal processes have been followed.
1.11. Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training; work equally hard for yourself and your team when involved in team events.
1.12. Take care with all equipment provided. It is there for your enjoyment.
1.13. Support your Club and Association in the expectation that they will both support you.
1.14. Agree to obtain and update as required a National Police Certificate and/or Working with Children Check where either is required.
1.15. Be aware of the consequences of failure to observe the Code or any deliberate breach of your responsibility.

Note : A Working with Children Check may be required if you are acting in a capacity which encompasses communicable contact with persons under 18 years of age for more than five days in a twelve month period. It does not apply to parents coaching or supervising their own children; unless an 'overnight' camp or other domicile is envisaged where other children are involved.
Make application to the WAPA Treasurer for recompense where this expense is encountered in relation to your position and activity in the sport.

[1] 2. Affiliated Clubs.

2.1. The safety and welfare of all members, officials and visitors must be considered paramount and binding; and the Club Committee must, at all times, be aware of their 'duty of care' to all concerned.

2.2. The Club should organize some training schedule to ensure that all committee members are cognizant with their respective duties and give them adequate opportunity to become familiar with the current constitution, rules, regulations and policies; and to become equally familiar with the Association Constitution, Rules, Regulations, Policies and Safety Requirements for Affiliated Clubs and Members.

2.3. Clubs must ensure that their members have access to the club constitution, rules, regulations and policies; and that their constitution and relevant documentation is kept relevant and updated, whether an 'incorporated' body or not. Remember to register constitutional changes with the appropriate state government department.

2.4. Association Minutes and correspondence should be placed in a convenient place for members to read; especially those relating to constitutional changes and amendments to Firearms legislation.

2.5. Clubs may place limitations or conditions upon prospective members; being at all times fair and impartial in all dealings with them; regardless of ethnicity, cultural background, religion, age or gender.

2.6. The club has a direct duty to ensure that a prospective applicant for membership does not have a Restraining Order against them which prohibits their access to firearms. A National Police Certificate may be requested prior to processing the application.

2.7. Provide schedules for your members which permit them to become involved to their best advantage in the sport; which allow all to participate to the performance levels they desire; and which will provide them the opportunity to meet their respective legislative requirements as outlined in the Activity Register.

2.8. Ensure your members are aware of their obligations within the sport of pistol shooting which are regulated by the Firearms Act and Regulations.

2.10. Ascertain where members have sufficient reason for failing to comply with the Activities Requirements and ensure that WAPA Inc. is informed of the reasons and of your club support, to enable the Association Committee to continue to support your member's firearms ownership for sporting activity.

2.10. Be aware of, and ensure compliance with, all Liquor Licensing requirements at any time alcohol is served on your premises.

2.10. Accept responsibility for collective as well as individual actions.

2..11. Make a commitment to provide quality service to members.

2.12. Ensure that those members who require a National Police Certificate or Working with Children Check due to their club position and/or related activities acquire same and keep updated with their responsibilities.

2.13. Be aware of the consequences of failure to observe the Code or any deliberate breach of Club responsibilities.

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