

## ***World Players of Handball Player/Spectator/Employee Code of Conduct Policy***

### **Sportsmanship Guidelines:**

*The purpose of the World Players of Handball (WPH) is to provide recreational competition and entertainment for the players, fans and staff of the host, club and athletic facilities which are safe, competitive and enjoyable. While the games are often competitive, providing a fun, social atmosphere and promoting good sportsmanlike behavior among participants and spectators are some of our primary goals. The game atmosphere should remain good-natured and the participants and spectators should maintain good sportsmanship throughout their participation in all facets of the WPH experience.*

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### **How to and How Not to Act during WPH Events**

*Expectations on **HOW** to act during a contest:*

Players and staffers will show up on time. Players will need to be warmed up and on the court ready for play at the webcast/scheduled match time.

Players/spectators/staff cooperate with and demonstrate good sportsmanship toward other players (their competition), spectators, officials and all other event staff/WPH.

In competition, each player/spectator and staffer converses reasonably and rationally with officials about rule interpretations/calls, and cooperates by providing any information requested by officials/WPH staff.

Players participate in the spirit and intent of the USHA/WPH or other, game rules and policies. Players/spectators accept judgment decisions made by the officials during the contest regardless of subjectivity. Officials/refs and linesmen will also be scrutinized under the same guidelines.

Players, officials and employees of the WPH will follow team (Race for Eight) dress guidelines for that particular event; no obscene clothing will be worn or demonstrated on site. If your match is filmed or web casted by WPH you are required to wear WPH approved clothing.

Players and officials will be expected to put on performance and entertain spectators and fans with the best of intentions and with a positive outlook.

Players are expected to conduct youth and sponsor clinics on-site before all, or after competition ends. Furthermore, all players are expected to participate in sponsor socials and WPH sponsored victory parties/banquets; socializing with sponsors is a top priority.

Players expected to give pre match and post-match interviews on camera and on mic (live) if asked and when available. Players agreed to be filmed and webcasted via the internet or TV feeds. Have fun!

*Expectations on how **NOT** to act during WPH contests:*

Participants/spectators who continually complain about refs/linesmen/officials' decisions and display dissension with; this may include derogatory or abusive remarks.

Excessive arguing between opposing players/spectators, and refs/tournament directors or staff/volunteers.

Public indecency, vulgarity, or obscenity including foul or profane language and obscene gestures, non-directed or directed at an opponent, official, teammate, supervisor or spectator. Players representing the WPH shall protect our brand on and off the court. Public or non-public slandering of the WPH and its sponsors and officers will not be tolerated.

Any threatening behavior (verbal or nonverbal) to any WPH representative, event sponsor, host site or organizer; employee, participant, fan, spectator.

Physical abuse by participants/spectators in the form of fighting with an opponent, teammate, official, or staff member which occurred before, during, or after a WPH contest.

Individuals, staffers playing/working under the influence of alcohol or drugs; Spectators watching contests under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### **Forfeits & Sportsmanship Policy**

Any player, employee or official that does not show up for a contest without contacting the pro player committee/rules coordinator two weeks in advance of the scheduled event could be ineligible for the next event (to include the "Race" point championship); incentive or employee pay and a possible deduction of points (ie Race for Eight). Circumstances and rulings can vary on a case-by-case basis.

Any player that shows up late for a match after its scheduled time or is not on the court and prepared to play ten minutes after their match start time (regardless of USHA rule) is automatically forfeited unless the player's tardiness is due to WPH/sponsor/event coordinator error. In that event (appropriate excuse) the pro rules coordinator may make an on-site decision that favors the ruling or player.

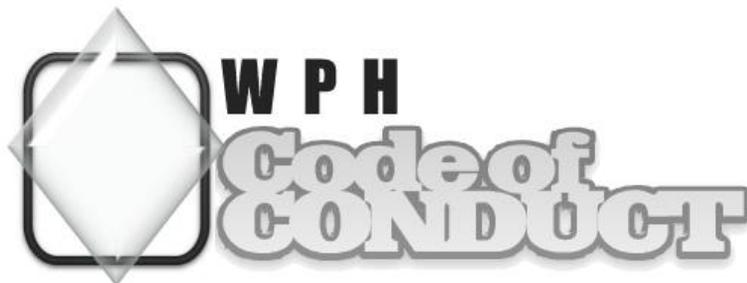
Any player that does not check into the pro tour check in desk for a scheduled match may be automatically forfeited based on court availability. No Play = No Pay!!

Any player that is injured to the extent that it affects the quality of their play, health or entertainment-value shall not be on the court. WPH may ask players to perform a verbal and physical interview test prior to an event or match.

### **Ejected Players & Fines/Penalties**

All participants that are ejected from a WPH contest will be immediately suspended from all WPH contests until further review by the pro player committee/rules coordinator. Ejections from contests can happen by WPH Tournament Director or Referee, and possibly adjacent tournament director, pending violation. Three technical calls, by the referee in a match, will result in removal from the match and tournament (two technical calls for eye protection infractions) See WPH for complete definition.

WPH will handle all code violations on an independent basis, after review from the rules committee. Possible fines can be defined as a; reduction of points (Cup or Race); financial/prize money reduction; forfeit next match or event; circumstances and rulings may vary on a case-by-case basis.



I accept these guidelines:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_