

2012 Membership Registration

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INLAND EMPIRE WATER POLO

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Dear Parents/Players

I'd like to thank you for joining Inland Empire Water Polo Club (IEWP). I am personally committed to the improvement and enjoyment of each and every one of our children/athletes. I have prepared this packet in hopes that it will answer many of your questions, however, if you have additional questions I am always available to talk with you in person, via phone, or via email (my contact information is at the bottom of this letter).

Membership Fee's

The membership fee of \$75 per month (due on the 15th of each month) will help to pay for the cost of facilities as outlined in our calendar. There will be a couple of days in which practices will be cancelled because the practice facility at Jurupa Valley High School is being used by the school and we are prohibited by the school district to use it, in addition, we will be observing all major holidays, but please visit www.iewaterpolo.org and click on Calendar for those dates.

Tournaments

Many of the tournaments will be extremely difficult as we are facing top ranked clubs, but I feel this is where our players will gain the most experience. I urge all parents and players to be supportive and understanding of the outcomes. Our first goal is to create a "team" and this goal will take us a little time as we all learn how to play together...as coaches, we have to learn the strengths and weaknesses of each player. Each player will also have to learn to play with his/her team mates and this takes time, practice, patience, and dedication.

All tournaments have a varying and separate fee which depends on the club hosting such tournaments. The cost of each tournament will be shared by each one of the players participating. As a general guideline we need 10 players per tournament in order to participate effectively, each roster spot will be awarded by performance and participation in practice, please help me teach your player that if they are not asked to participate, they must work harder to earn a spot, please do not allow them to give up!

To play in tournaments you must be registered with USAWATERPOLO Membership!

Communication and Participation

As many of you already know, I am keen on communication and participation from my IEWP Coaching Staff and also from the players and the parents. Every single person/player is responsible for participation and communication, so please make sure that if you have questions, comments, or constructive criticism you do so with care and respect. I encourage all of us to do as much as possible for the athletes, cheering, and words of encouragement are always welcomed. On the flip side, negativity and abusive comments will not be tolerated by me or anyone at IEWP. The players, the parents, and coaches are my primary concern and I hope that you all join me in meeting this goal, effectively and proudly.

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Receiving Information

At Inland Empire Water Polo we stress communication between the Coach, Player, and Parent. So we have decided to set up a notification system through twitter.com where you can get notices directly from the coach as his decisions are made. There are three (3) simple ways to find out the latest news.

1. Visit www.iewaterpolo.org
2. Visit www.twitter.com/iewp - here you will find a complete list of updates as the coach's send them.
3. Have the notification sent right to your cell phone via text (there are no charges from twitter.com for this service):
Step 1: For this option you have to register your own twitter account at www.twitter.com.
Step 2: Click on the "Join Twitter" link on the top of the page. You will then be asked to fill out your full Name, Username (you can change this later if you like), your password, and finally e-mail address.
Step 3: After you sign up click on "settings", then on "Devices", follow the instructions (make sure your Device Updates are set to "ON").
Step 4: Now go to www.twitter.com/iewp and click on "Follow", you should now receive all the notices as the coach sends them.
4. Also, if all of this is just too high tech for you or you don't like text, then feel free to simply contact the Carlos Mendez via telephone at (909) 573-2640 just remember that usually before and during games he might not answer the phone right away. (I am text friendly and really good at replies...I might ask who is texting me if I don't recognize the number.
5. Last and not least, you can also contact one of the other parents on the team and find out the scoop.

Asking Questions

Please use any means necessary to ask questions, IEWP is technology friendly so you here are some of the methods you can use:

1. Phone Call – 909-573-2640
2. Visit the website – check out contact page for email addresses.
3. E-mail: info@iewaterpolo.org (this goes to Carlos)
4. Text messages to 909-573-2640 (Coach Carlos)
5. Use www.facebook.com/iewaterpolo (I check this 2 times a day)
6. Use www.twitter.com/iewp (follow instructions above and you can use "d iewp" to direct message the IEWP Twitter Account, it's basically the same as texting).
7. Come by the pool deck and talk with us.

IEWP will always answer all questions as honestly and with as much respect as possible. We ask for your help in maintaining respect when you contact IEWP Staff.

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Player and Parent Contract for IEWP

Participation Guidelines

IEWP is committed to the improvement of each and every athlete. We recognize the success of players in IEWP is translated into continued success at their High Schools. As such, it is the belief that participation (showing up to practices) is absolutely necessary. All players are expected to show up to all practices in order to improve their game play and understanding of the sport. There will be no reimbursements for missed practices.

We understand that playing sports is about how you play the game, and it's supposed to be fun for players and fans alike. However, we also know that sports are more enjoyable for a player and fans when teams succeed.

**Athletes must give IEWP 100% commitment all of the time!
No exceptions! Players who do not meet this requirement
will be asked to go home for the day.**

Sportsmanship

Members (players and parents) representing IEWP are expected to demonstrate excellent sportsmanship, this includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. NO hazing, taunting, or verbally abusing of athletes, coaches, referees or anyone else participating in IEWP event.
2. NO derogatory comments about another person's race, sex, religion, age, disability, national origin, or sexual orientation.
3. There will be absolutely NO obscene gestures, profanity, or unduly provocative language towards others (in or out of the pool).
4. No attempting to incite others to violate IEWP values.
5. There will be an absolute **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY of Drugs and Alcohol**, plain and simple! Any player using drugs will be immediately dismissed from IEWP with no refund.

Commitment

Inland Empire Water Polo promises to commit 100% of its time and resources to the improvement of each and every one of its players. In return we ask each and every player to do the same in return. All players are expected to behave with the highest levels of excellence and respect towards everyone while representing IEWP. This is expected at practice, on the pool deck, and at all tournaments and games.

All players and parents are encouraged to ask as many questions as possible, but they are **expected** to conduct themselves at their very best all the time (no exceptions). Respect towards others and performing at their highest level of participation and competition is a way of life.

“SUCCESS IS A REWARD OF HARD WORK AND DETERMINATION”