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FINA CODE OF CONDUCT

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Article 1 SUBORDINATE AND SUPPLEMENTARY TO FINA RULES

This Code is subordinated and supplementary to all FINA Rules adopted by the FINA Congresses from time to time. The purpose of this Code is to guarantee that the FINA Rules will be executed in a fair manner without disturbance and to sanction incidents, which damage the image of the FINA activities or bring them into disrepute.

Article 2 APPLICATION OF CODE

The following incidents or offences shall be subject to the application of this Code:

- a) acts of misbehaviour including but not limited to abusive, violent conduct in a disturbing, ugly or provocative manner, unjustified interference including disobedience with obstruction of the orderly conduct of any sporting event within or outside of the venue(s), malicious alteration, damage or destruction of property or infliction of physical or mental harm on others;
- b) cheating including but not limited to falsification or alteration of birth certificates, documents of identification or any other document indicating false age, false nationality or any other false information with the purpose of obtaining unfair advantage for an official, an athlete or a team;
- c) behaviours described in the FINA DC Rules 20.6, 20.8, 21.2, 21.6, 21.7, 22.3, and 22.5.

Unjustified offences may be considered independent of any action taken or not taken by the referee or the Technical Committees of FINA.

The "Regulations for Disciplinary Actions in Water Polo at FINA Events" adopted by the FINA Bureau shall be in force for water polo but shall not restrict the application of this Code.

Article 3 RULES OF CONDUCT DURING THE COMPETITION

The competitors shall actively participate in the full conduct of the competition including victory ceremonies and, if applicable, presentations and/or press conferences. They shall strictly avoid any offensive or improper behaviour towards the officials, the other competitors, the team members and/or the spectators during the entire conduct of the competition.

Any political, religious or discriminatory statement or behaviour is strictly prohibited.

Article 4 SANCTIONS

Any Member of FINA, or club, or team or individual person covered in this Code may be sanctioned by the FINA Disciplinary Panel in accordance with FINA Rule C 23.4.

Article 5 CONSIDERATION

In the imposition of any sanction, the nature of the offence, the circumstances under which it occurred, the gravity of the offence, the character of the action and other consideration that is in harmony with the objectives of FINA must be taken into account.