

CODE OF DISCIPLINE FOR WATER POLO

(UPDATED 14 AUGUST 2023)

Based on LEN General Event Rule E 20.1 the following

CODE OF DISCIPLINE
shall apply for all
LEN WATER POLO ACTIVITIES
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1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Disciplinary action on individuals and/or teams may be taken by the LEN Technical Water Polo Committee Executive and/or the LEN Delegate(s) present at a LEN Water Polo Event or an international friendly tournament agreed beforehand on the LEN Calendar.
- 1.2 The LEN Secretary shall be informed about any disciplinary action decided according to paragraph 1.1 and take further action if necessary.
- 1.3 Suspension(s) from one or more water polo matches may be imposed on:
 - a) Players:
All Water Polo players who are listed on a line-up of a team or match-card at a Water Polo match played under the jurisdiction of LEN, before, during and after the respective match.
 - b) Officials:
All those persons who are listed on the line-up of a Water Polo match played under the jurisdiction of LEN or who accompany a team.
 - c) LEN Officials:
All those persons nominated by LEN to act as delegates, referees, goal judges as well as all officials on the table for any Water Polo match played under the jurisdiction of LEN.
 - d) Supporters:

All those persons supporting a particular club, whether or not they form part as members of that club, are to be considered as supporters of that particular club before, during and after the match.

1.4 Suspensions imposed are to be served in the next water polo matches under the control

of LEN in the same age group or the next age group in which the offence has been committed, such as:

- a. international matches between National Senior Teams of Federations, or;
- b. international matches between National Under 20 Teams of Federations, or;
- c. international matches between National Junior Teams of Federations, or;
- d. LEN club competitions.

1.5 In case a yellow card is awarded, the federation or club or persons will be fined 100€.

1.6 In case a red card is shown to the coach or official in the bench the federation or club will be fined 200€ and suspension according to this Code of Discipline will be invoked.

2. OFFENCES BY PLAYERS IN CONFRONTATION AGAINST OTHER PLAYERS

	Kind of offence	Sanction
2.1	Red card: for misconduct, including the use of unacceptable language, aggressive or persistent foul play, refusing obedience to or showing disrespect for a referee or official, or behaviour against the spirit of the Water Polo Rules and likely to bring the game into disrepute	200€ fine and one (1) to a maximum of five (5) matches suspension according to the gravity of the case.

2.2	Red card: for an act of violent action	500€ fine and two (2) to a maximum of ten (10) matches suspension according to the gravity of the case.
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3. OFFENCES BY TEAMS OFFICIALS AND TEAMS

	Kind of offence	Sanction
3.1	Teams are not allowed to make use of team officials who are under contract with other teams or Federations:	Fine up to 500€ for teams making use of ineligible team officials.
3.2	Teams making use of ineligible players:	Teams will lose that or those matches played with ineligible players and will be suspended from participating further in that competition. Should such a default occurs at the end of the competition, the suspension could be extended for the next LEN competition for which the team is qualified.

3.3	A team forfeiting one (1) or more matches:	<p>The team shall be totally disqualified and all the results cancelled.</p> <p>In cases of "force majeure" interfering with the staging of a match, the Technical Delegate in charge shall decide.</p> <p>Where a team is disqualified for one (1) or more matches these shall be awarded to the opposing teams concerned with a score of 10:0.</p>
3.4	More than three (3) members of the same team, including team officials, commit offences referred to in articles 2.1, 3.1 and/or 3.2:	<p>The team shall be sanctioned with disqualification from that match and a minimum suspension from the next match in the tournament to a maximum suspension for a period of one (1) year.</p> <p>Suspension of match or matches referred to in paragraph 3.4 means that the opponent(s) of the team suspended shall be awarded with a win with a goal score of 10:0.</p>

4. OFFENCES AGAINST PLAYERS, OFFICIALS OF TEAMS OR SPECTATORS

	Kind of offence	Sanction
4.1	Grave Injuries:	500€ fine and up to one (1) year suspension.

4.2	Using any hard object such as wood, bottle, shoes, etc.:	500€ fine and not less than three (3) matches and not more than six (6) matches suspension.
4.3	Using any other object such as slippers, ball, etc.:	500€ fine and not less than two (2) matches and not more than five (5) matches suspension.
4.4	Using any kind of violence (including throwing officials in water or pulling in any part of their bodies):	200€ fine and not less than one (1) match and not more than three (3) matches suspension.
4.5	Aggression or misbehaviour (such as splashing water, shouting names, threatening, etc.):	200€ fine and not less than one (1) match and not more than two (2) matches suspension.
4.6	Insolence, Low Gestures and Remarks, etc.:	200€ fine and not less than one (1) match and not more than two (2) matches suspension.

5. VIOLENCE BY SUPPORTERS

	Kind of offence	Sanction
5.1	Any acts of violence, aggressiveness, threatening, spitting and general misbehaviour:	The team is to be fined up to 2000€- and suspended from playing at home for up to two (2) matches.
5.2	If the offence is of a grave nature and of some consequence:	The team is to be fined up to 3000€- and suspended from playing home for up to four (4) matches and up to four (4) points are to be deducted if that should be the case.

6. OFFENCES AGAINST LEN OFFICIALS

	Kind of offence	Sanction
6.1	Grave injuries:	500€ fine and suspension for Indefinite period.
6.2	Using any hard object such as wood, glass bottle (or plastic bottles filled with water), shoes, etc.:	500€ fine and not less than one (1) year up to a maximum of three (3) years suspension.
6.3	Using any other hard object such as slipper, ball, etc.:	500€ fine and not less than four (4) months and not more than two (2)
6.4	Using any kind of violence (including throwing officials in water or pulling in any part of their bodies)	500€ fine and not less than six (6) months and not more than one (1) year suspension
6.5	Attempt of violence as stated above:	500€ fine and not less than three (3) matches up to a maximum suspension for one (1) year.
6.6	Aggression or misbehaviour (such as splashing water, shouting names, threatening, etc.)	200€ fine and and suspension of up to three (3) matches.
6.7	Disapproval, Insolence, Low Gestures and Remarks, etc.:	200€ fine and and suspension of up to two (2) matches.

7. OFFENCES BY LEN OFFICIALS

- 7.1 The sanctions to be imposed for offences committed by any person appointed by LEN as per paragraph 1.3 of this Code of discipline shall be suspension from participating further in the tournament in which the offence occurred.
- 7.2 A report shall be submitted to the LEN Bureau for further consideration or additional disciplinary action if necessary.

8. OTHER OFFENCES

- 8.1. Any other offence not included in this Code of discipline, including offences against media representatives, will be dealt with as deemed fit within the spirit of the above disciplinary measures.
- 8.2. If an offence referred to in this Code of discipline is committed by any person other than a player or team official, the minimum sanction shall be a warning or exclusion from the venue up to a maximum sanction of suspension of the right to attend LEN Water Polo matches for any period up to including life period.