

## Competitors Code of Conduct

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your Age Manager approach the official after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances whether they are made by your club or another surf club.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your Age Manager, coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of competition.
- Disputes at inter-club carnival competitions are to be dealt with in accordance with the procedures set out in the SLSA Surf Sports Manual 33rd Edition.

## Parents Code of Conduct

- Remember that children participate in surf life saving for their enjoyment, not yours
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to participate according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- Appreciate good performances and skilful performances by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer Age Managers, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Do not interfere with the progress and/or conduct of competition.

## Coaches Code of Conduct

- Have access to self improvement opportunities: and be matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competence.
- Adhere to the Coach's Code of Ethics:
- Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at a young competitor for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on competitor's time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of surf life saving and teach your competitors to do the same.
- Ensure that the time competitors spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented competitors; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet the safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all competitors.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with surf life saving. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured competitors. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Treat each competitor as an individual. Respect the talent, development stage and goals of each competitor, and help each competitor reach their full potential.
- Don't interfere with the progress and/or conduct of competition unless called to do so by another official.
- Abide by the officials' decisions.

