

Competition Code of Conduct

Fair play, integrity, passion and respect are central to our Competition Code of Conduct, defining the standard of behaviour expected from everybody involved including competitors, parents, coaches and officials. Abuse, criticism and disrespect for officials, opponents, coaches, supporters, clubs, or Irish Surf will not be tolerated. Breach of Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action.

Competitors

- Compete fairly, respect the rules, understand the complaints process and repercussions for breaches.
- Respect opponents and other competitors.
- Respect the officials and their decisions.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Uphold the Irish Antidoping Rules.
- Display high standard of behaviour that promotes a positive image of surfing.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language or behaviour.
- Respect the facilities and equipment.
- Refrain from entering the official area unless specifically invited to do so by an Official in charge.
- Maintain self-control, dignity and integrity at all times.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of others before performance and results.
- Respect Irish Surfing, event hosts and events sponsors, onsite and in the media.
- Refrain from criticism of fellow coaches, competitors, officials and volunteers especially when addressing the media. If you have a grievance, go through the official complaints process.
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language, drinking or smoking whilst in the presence of junior participants or spectators.
- At all times act in a manner that does credit to both themselves and our sport.

Parents and Coaches

- Parents and Coaches must lead by example, children learn by example - it is up to the adults to set good example.
- Respect the rules, understand the complaints process and repercussions for breach of rules.
- Respect the officials, their decisions and integrity and teach young people to respect and accept the judgement of officials.
- Respect other competitors, parents, coaches and supporters.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language or behaviour.
- Refrain from entering the official area unless specifically invited to do so by an Official in charge.
- Follow medical advice when determining whether an injured competitor is ready to return to competition.
- Encourage a constructive attitude toward competitions by teaching young people how to win and lose and manage competitive stress positively to enhance performance.
- Be generous with praise and give positive inputs and feedback.
- Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
- Be reasonable in your demands and expectation, never exert undue pressure on a young person.
- Never criticise or admonish a young person for their performance.
- Applaud good performances from all young people.
- Maintain self-control, dignity and integrity at all times.
- Remember fun, enjoyment and wellbeing should always come before performance and results in sport for young people.
- Always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of young people over performance and results.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Respect Irish Surfing, event hosts and sponsor pre, during and post event, onsite and in the media.

- Refrain from criticism of fellow coaches, competitors, officials and volunteers especially when addressing the media. If you have a grievance, go through the official complaints process.
- Uphold the Irish Antidoping Rules
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Officials

- Uphold the rules and maintain an up-to-date knowledge of the current rules.
- Be impartial. Do not be influenced by spectators, commentators, other officials or judges, friendships, relationships, and other outside influences.
- Have the confidence and integrity to stand by your own decisions. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Be respectful in your interaction with other officials, competitors, parents, coaches and spectators.
- Will not discuss the outcomes or results of heats nor express opinion on said heats with anyone outside of the judging booth, and should direct anyone who wishes to do so, toward the technical director of the contest.
- Co-operate with other officials to deliver excellence. Remain fully focused on your duties for the duration of the event. Do not interfere or distract other officials from their duties.
- Arrive in good time for the start of competition.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of the duties assigned to you.
- Maintain self-control, dignity and integrity at all times.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of competitors.
- Respect Irish Surfing, event hosts and events sponsors, onsite and in the media.
- Refrain from criticism of fellow officials, competitors, parents, coaches, and volunteers especially when addressing the media. If you have a grievance, go through the official complaints process.
- Never engage in inappropriate conduct including the use of offensive language, drinking or smoking whilst in the presence of junior participants or spectators.
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