



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN SURF LIFE SAVING COMPETITION

To help ensure the enjoyment of all who compete in, participate in, officiate at or attend Surf Life Saving Carnivals or other events within the Sydney Northern Beaches branch,

I /We, the Parents/Guardians of _____ pledge to:

- Remember that the event or carnival is for children, not adults.
- Be encouraging, supportive and affirmative towards my child’s participation and their fellow competitors participation, in the competition or event.
- Encourage my child to compete according to the rules and not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct or actions detrimental to other competitors
- Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of competition or his/her performance.
- Never force or coerce my child/children to participate in any event which may be beyond their capabilities, experience, proficiency or comfort level.
- Never ridicule my child for mistakes made but help them to use mistakes as lessons to be learned.
- Never criticise or chastise my child within the earshot of other competitors, officials or spectators
- Never coach or criticise any competitor, including my/our own, during any event or carnival;
- Never allow my child to compete in an age group or category in which they are not entitled to.

Further, I/we pledge to:

- Comply with the rules, policies and procedures of Surf Life Saving, and my and/or the competitor’s Club;
- Never interfere with the duties and responsibilities of the officials or team managers;
- Respect officials and accept their decisions and never question, discuss, or confront officials unless I am the team manager authorised to do so and only then in accordance with the rules laid down for protests.
- Never interfere with or change any course or equipment unless under the direct instruction of the official in charge of that area or the carnival referee.
- Never engage in any kind or type of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, competitor or parent
- Never attend, or remain in or around, a competition arena while under the influence of alcohol.
- Refrain from using tobacco or alcohol products in or around competition arenas
- Leave competition arenas when asked to do so by the official(s) in charge
- Never engage in loud, disrespectful or hostile comments directed toward any official or competitor;
- Never use profane, objectionable or otherwise unacceptable language within earshot of any competitor, official or spectator
- Never provide outside assistance to any competitors during the course of competition
- Volunteer my services and talents to assist the club and to Surf Life Saving when possible;
- Never act in any manner which is detrimental to the competitors, to my/their Club or to Surf Life Saving.

I also understand that if I fail to abide by these rules, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by official in charge or referee, and/or
- Being asked to leave the competition arena, and/or
- Written warning from Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches, and/or
- Judiciary Committee hearing which could result in suspension of myself and/or my club

NAME _____

CLUB: _____

SIGNED _____

DATE: _____