

RYA NI Codes of Conduct for Children/Young People

Sailing should offer a positive experience for young people where they can gain knowledge in a safe and positive environment. The following are expectations young people have of other young people involved in sport.

Children/young people are expected to:

- Work as a team (including assisting with trolleys etc);
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members;
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer support when required;
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do;
- Keep within the defined boundary of the coaching area and briefing rooms;
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach;
- Be respectful to club premises and equipment;
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies such as Internet chat-rooms or texting;
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play;
- Keep themselves safe;
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members;
- Play fairly and be trustworthy;
- Challenge or report the bullying of your peers;
- Respect opponents;
- Not cheat or be violent/aggressive;
- Not use violence;
- **Make your Squad a FUN place to be**

Children/Young people have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity;
- Be listened to;
- Be respected and treated fairly;
- Privacy;
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment;
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources;

- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability;
- Experience competition and the desire to win;
- Ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the coach and reported verbally to the designated person. Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the Squad. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Codes of conduct for Parents/Guardians

Parents are expected to:

- Positively reinforce their child/young person and show an interest in their chosen activity.
- Do not place their young person under pressure or push them into activities they do not want to do.
- Complete and return the Health and Consent Form pertaining to their child's participation with "Name of Club" (see parental consent).
- Deliver and collect the child punctually to and from coaching sessions/matches.
- Ensure their child is properly and adequately attired for the weather conditions of the time, including shorts, shirt, socks, tracksuit, sweat-tops, hat, gloves etc...
- Ensure that proper footwear and protective equipment are worn at ALL times in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. Any child not in possession of the fundamental requirements will not be permitted to participate.
- Detail any health concerns pertaining to the child on the consent form, in particular breathing or chest conditions. Any changes in the state of the child's health should be reported to the coach prior to coaching sessions.
- To inform the coach prior to departure from the field of play if child is to be collected early from a coaching session.
- Encourage their child to play by the rules and teach them that they can only do their best
- Behave responsibly both ashore and afloat;
- Show appreciation and support the coach;
- Ensure their child is punctual;
- Be realistic and supportive;
- Provide their child with proper clothing and equipment;
- Accept any official's judgement.
- Acknowledge the importance and role of the coaches;
- Promote their child's participation in playing sport for **fun**.

Parents/Guardians have the right to:

- Know their child is safe;
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to their children;
- Be informed if their child is injured;
- Complain if they have concerns about the standard of coaching.

Any misdemeanours and breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by the RYA NI. Persistent concerns or breaches will result in the parent/guardian being asked not to attend sessions if their attendance is detrimental to the child's welfare.

The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may mean the RYA NI regrettably asking the child to leave the squad.