

AUCKLAND DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

CODES OF CONDUCT

Administrators

I will:

- create pathways for association members to participate not just as paddlers but also as coaches, officials, administrators etc.
- ensure that rules, equipment, length of races and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of paddlers
- ensure quality supervision and coaching for paddlers
- remember that paddlers participate for their enjoyment and benefit
- help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating
- ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play
- make available a code of conduct to paddlers, coaches, officials and parents and encourage them to follow it
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the sport, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- promote adherence to anti-doping policies.

I will not:

- arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at training or races
- allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, races or association functions
- use bad language, nor will I harass or bully paddlers, coaches, officials or spectators.

Coaches

I will:

- remember that paddlers participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun
- never ridicule or yell at paddlers for making a mistake or not winning
- be reasonable in my demands on paddlers' time, energy, and enthusiasm
- operate within the rules and spirit of the sport and teach my paddlers to do the same
- ensure that the time paddlers spend with me is a positive experience. All paddlers are deserving of equal attention and opportunities
- avoid over racing the talented paddlers and understand that the average paddlers need and deserve equal time
- ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all paddlers
- display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, officials, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. I will encourage my paddlers to do the same.

- show concern and caution toward sick and injured paddlers and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured paddler is ready to recommence training or racing
- obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young paddlers
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- promote adherence to anti-doping policies.

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Officials

I will:

- place the safety and welfare of paddlers above all else
- show concern and caution towards sick and injured paddlers
- be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- accept responsibility for my actions and decisions
- condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of paddlers
- avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest
- be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words
- always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- keep up to date with the latest 'Laws of the Sport', trends and principles of their application
- refrain from any form of personal abuse towards paddlers or other officials
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the sport, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

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Parents

I will:

- encourage my child to participate within the rules and respect officials'

and coaches' decisions

- teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- support my child's efforts and performance
- thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- help when asked by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the sport, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

I will not:

- pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their sport not mine
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol
- use bad language, nor will I harass paddlers, coaches, officials or other spectators
- criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the sport.

Paddlers

I will:

- always play by the rules
- never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition
- control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and other paddlers or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport
- work equally hard for myself and my team
- be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition
- treat all paddlers in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents
- display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- participate for my 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
- thank the opposition and officials at the end of the sport
- comply with anti-doping policies.

I will not:

- arrive at the venue or play sport while intoxicated
- use bad language, nor will I harass paddlers, coaches, officials or other spectators