

Love to Paddle

RESPECT

THE Ocean • People • Rules



CODE OF CONDUCT

Our society expects high standards of behaviour from all people involved in sport. It is vital these expectations are met and the integrity of sport maintained. Regardless of the nature of a person's involvement in sport, The Essence of Australian Sport provides four guiding principles that lead to appropriate behaviour: Fairness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety.

The following Code of Behaviour has been developed to reflect and uphold these principles and assist in retaining the integrity and enjoyable aspects of sport. In consistently enforcing the Code, AOCRA will assist in providing safe and appropriate environments and quality services to their members, stakeholders and volunteers.

All persons involved in outrigger canoeing:

- Operate within the rules and spirit of outriggering, promoting fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years.
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions.
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment.
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours.

ATHLETES

- Give your best at all times.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit.

COACHES

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback.
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.

OFFICIALS

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people.

ADMINISTRATORS

- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Conduct your responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
- Do not allow prejudice, conflict of interest or bias to affect your objectivity.

PARENTS

- Encourage children to participate and have fun.
- Focus on the child's effort and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

SPECTATORS & VOLUNTEERS

- Respect the performances and efforts of all people.
- Reject the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.

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