



SCA Code of Ethics

Competitors

- Abide by the SCA Rules and Regulations for Competition Climbing
- Engage constructively with all those involved in a competition whether these be coaches, team-mates, volunteers, other competitors, Judges or Organisers.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexuality.
- Be a good sport. Appreciate all good effort.
- Exercise self-restraint at all times. Verbal abuse of officials and other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking another competitor, and ill-temper are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
- Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Competitors must make no attempt to manipulate the Rules and Regulations so as to gain an unfair advantage or to gain an unfair advantage for a fellow competitor.
- Competitors must accept, subject to an official appeals procedure, the decision of the Official Judge without question or protestation.

Spectators

It is envisaged that competitors will enlighten all friends and family on the expectations for spectators at Competition Climbing events. There will be areas where spectators will not be allowed during a competitions but this will vary for each event.

- Remember that people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit.
- Applaud good performance and effort from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the outcome of the event.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach participants to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a participant for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or other participants.
- Encourage participants to follow the Rules and Regulations and the officials decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass participants, coaches, or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexuality.

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Coaches, Managers and Team Officials

Team officials (coaches, managers, etc.) shall be regarded in the same manner as competitors and shall be treated accordingly. They will also have the same expectations placed on them as the competitors.

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
- Be impartial.
- Avoid any situation that may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- Value the individual in sport.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
- Ensure the athlete's time spent with you is a positive experience.
- Treat each athlete as an individual.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes.
- Be professional in and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards participants.
- Refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards participants.

Coaches

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being.
- Treat each athlete as an individual.
- Be fair, considerate and honest with athletes.
- Be professional in and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your athletes.
- Operate within the Rules and Spirit of your sport.
- Any physical contact with athletes should be:
 - Appropriate to the situation.
 - Necessary for the athlete's skill development.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards your athletes.
- Refrain from any harassment towards your athletes.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.
- Be a positive role model for your sport and athletes.
- Remember that participation is for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at an athlete for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Ensure that the time an athlete spends with you is a positive experience. All participants are deserving of equal attention and opportunity.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes other competitors, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage athletes to do the same.

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Coaches should be: -

- Treated with respect and openness.
- Entitled to self- improvement opportunities.
- Matched with a level of coaching appropriate to their level of competency.

Competition Organisers and Host Facilities

- Provide a safe and friendly environment for the conduct of climbing.
- Communicate the competition requirements clearly to competitors.
- Display the SCA Code of Ethics at all competitions and make this known to competitors, officials and spectators on the day.
- Ensure there are adequate opportunities for competitors and spectators to access water and food.
- For the period of the competition allow access to the premises and involvement in proceedings to any member of the Association.

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