

MANITOBA SAILING ASSOCIATION (MSA)

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Statement:

It is the intention of this Code of Conduct to promote fair sailing and respect for all participants within the Manitoba Sailing Association (MSA) and its member clubs. It is the expectation of the Association's Board of Directors and membership (your peers and fellow sailors) that all parents will adhere to the Code of Conduct set out below and respect the principles of fair sailing that the Code embodies at all times while participating in any MSA activity.

Standards:

1. We will respect the concept that children sail because they enjoy it and not because their parents, coaches or others want them to.
2. We will respect and cooperate with teammates, coaches, opponents, officials and other parents and will treat all athletes as we would like to be treated.
3. We will at no time interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of any sailor, coach or official, and will always consider the physical and emotional well-being of others.
4. We will display self-control, courtesy and good manners at all times when representing our team and the MSA.
5. We will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing one's best are important to everyone.
6. We will respect the reasonable requests of the coaches and officials and recognize that failure to show such respect, including being late for or disrupting training or a regatta, may result in an athlete or parent being asked, at the sole discretion of any MSA coach or official, to leave the site for the remainder of the training session or regatta.
7. We will at no time as parents or guardians of members on the Manitoba Sailing Team verbally or physically threaten, intimidate or be abusive in any manner to a sailor, coach or official.
8. We will respect the disciplinary decisions made by the Coach(es) or we will follow the proper course of action and appeals available to us should we disagree with any of these decisions. All Policies of the MSA are available on our web-site under "About Us" and then "Policies".

Review and Approval:

This policy was first approved by the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Sailing Association on April 10, 2006. It was reviewed, amended and re-approved by the Board of Directors on March 9, 2009. The next re-approval date is March 2010. The administration and review of this policy is the responsibility of the Parent Representative.