



ISS Code of Conduct Parents

Irish School Sailing asks that you as parents play an active role in supporting the implementation of best practice policies in your child's participation in our sailing programmes and events by following this Code of Conduct.

We, along with our governing body, Irish Sailing, believe that parents should:

- Be role models for your children and maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, instructors, officials, and organisers.
- Always behave responsibly and avoid actions that may unfairly influence competition.
- Never intentionally expose any young participant to embarrassment or disparagement through flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value and importance of the volunteers and staff who make sailing opportunities possible for your child.
- Refrain from publicly questioning the judgment or integrity of officials, coaches, or organisers. Respect the decisions of race officials, coaches, organisers, and other sailors.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules, to understand that effort and personal growth are as valuable as winning, and to always show good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by acknowledging achievement and encouraging respect among all participants—teammates, competitors, and officials alike.
- Support efforts to eliminate all forms of abuse, bullying, and inappropriate behaviour in youth sport.

Your responsibilities are to:

1. Respect the rules and procedures outlined in the [Irish Sailing Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Activities](#).
2. Show respect for all participants, including fellow parents, leaders (such as instructors, coaches, officials, and judges), and competitors.
3. Encourage your child to treat others—participants, coaches, race officials, and jury members—with dignity and respect.
4. Focus on encouragement and the recognition of positive accomplishments, regardless of the outcome.
5. Support and respect your child's leaders and instructors.
6. Acknowledge the authority of officials during all sailing sessions and events.
7. Avoid using threatening, abusive behaviour or foul language at all times.

By signing below, you are agreeing to support and uphold this Code of Conduct. Any breach will be addressed in line with the disciplinary procedures of Irish School Sailing and Irish Sailing.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

