



# Perth Pirates Dragon Boat Club Inc.

Maylands Sport and Recreation Club  
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## Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct relates to the Perth Pirates Dragon Boat Club (PPDBC), and where relevant, operates in conjunction with other policies relating to minimum standards of behaviour and conduct regarding participation in club related events and sporting activities.

### Scope

The code applies to all club members, volunteers, guests and visitors that participate in or assist in sporting events and activities on behalf of the PPDBC.

### Purpose

PPDBC recognises the importance of an environment which actively promotes best and fair practice. The purpose of this Code is to describe the standards of behaviour and conduct expected from club members in their dealings with other club members, volunteers, guests, visitors, sporting officials, rival clubs, opponents, and general members of the public at events.

PPDBC expects all members to observe the standards set out in this Code. Compliance with this Code is expected, and non-compliance may result in suspension of membership or expulsion from the PPDBC.

### The Code Requirements

All club members, volunteers and persons associated with the PPDBC are expected to observe the highest standard of ethics, integrity, and behaviour when they can be perceived as representing the PPDBC.

### General

- Comply with all policies, rules and regulations of PPDBC, Dragon Boating WA (DBWA) and Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF).
- Not to make comment, issue, authorise, offer, or endorse any public criticism or statement to have or design to have an effect prejudicial to the best interests of PPDBC, dragon boating generally or the team; this includes all social media such as Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.
- Will not disclose to any unauthorised person or organisation, information which is of a confidential or privileged nature.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, age, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to the PPDBC and to the sport of dragon boating.

### Members

- Cooperate with my coach, club teammates, officials and opponents.
- Control my temper. I understand that verbal or written abuse of teammates, opponents, officials and sledging are not acceptable or permitted in any sport.

- Work equally hard for myself and / or the club.
- Be honest, fair, demonstrate good conduct of behaviour and do not harass, ridicule or embarrass a fellow club member.
- Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another teammate or competitor.
- Act at all times in a manner beyond reproach and in such a way to ensure good relations within the club and between teams.
- At all times act as a role model for others, displaying high standards of good sporting behavior.
- Respect the decision of coaches and race officials and never argue with them. If I disagree with a decision, I will inform the club president, vice president, coach or team manager.
- observe and comply with all directions and orders given by the team manager or president or official.

### **Coaches**

- Ensure every participant has equal opportunity to participate regardless of age, ability or experience.
- Ensure that all equipment and activities meet safety standards and are appropriate to members.
- Promote the principles of fair play and discourage foul play and/or unsporting behaviour.
- Always consider the safety and wellbeing of members before performance and results and follow the advice of a physician/medical practitioner, in determining when an injured member may return to training and competition.

### **Parents and Spectators**

- Encourage participants to play by the rules and to show respect to coaches, race officials and other teams at all times.
- Respect the rights and dignity of every person including athletes, coaches, race officials, parents and spectators; and never engage in behaviour that abuses, demeans, provokes or harasses others.
- Understand that sport is designed to be fun and that participating for enjoyment and wellbeing should always come before performance and results.
- Call out and refer to organisation authorities all acts of unethical behavior, whether from athletes, coaches, officials, parents or spectators.
- Participate in positive cheering that reinforces and encourages participant efforts.

Any breach of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with in accordance with the PPDBC Constitution.