

SLSQ POINT DANGER BRANCH

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

1. PARTICIPATION	If children are interested, encourage them to be involved in sport. However, if a child is not willing to be involved, do not force them and do not allow Coaches/Team Managers to do likewise. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment not yours.
2. ENCOURAGEMENT	encourage children to play according to the rules and focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals relating to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on being the best.
3. RESPECT	Respect the Officials decisions and encourage children to do likewise. If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the Official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, Officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.
4. GOOD EXAMPLE	Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play and effort by all competitors. Do not publicly berate your child or others.
5. PLAY FAIR	Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities including verbal abuse of Officials, sledging other players (including vilification) or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent.
6. RECOGNISE	the value and importance of volunteer Coaches, Officials and support personnel. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
7. SUPPORT	all policies and rules relative to the event and ensure you are aware of them. This will ensure fair play from all participants.
8. UNDERSTANDING	that in surf sports the competitors have a full program (at times based on blanket entry practices by the club) and that exhaustion and conditions can cause a child to determine that they don't want to be in an event. Children should be given the right to choose and parents, team managers and coaches should refrain from any tactics that may be construed as coercion i.e. "you will be letting the team down if you don't race".

- GOOD SPORTS IMPROVE SPORT -