



## Code of Conduct for Officials

Australian Sailing Race Officials serve the sport in positions which expose them to the critical eye of competitors, coaches, parents, spectators and others, and it is therefore essential that officials behave with the highest degree of competence, propriety, and integrity. At no time can or should an official do anything to bring the sport into disrepute or to reflect poorly on Australian Sailing, their club or on other officials.

Australian Sailing officials shall:

- Maintain a high level of understanding and application of the rules, procedures and AS policies;
- Ensure that each decision or action taken is based upon the rules and principles of fairness and objectivity, and is made with care and without prejudice;
- Uphold the confidentiality of committee and jury deliberations during and after the regatta;
- Be polite, courteous, open-minded, and patient with colleagues, competitors, regatta officials, team officials, coaches and hosts, and to respect cultural differences;
- Declare, without delay, any apparent conflict of interest which may arise;
- Arrive at the event in adequate time and remain until after all duties are completed;
- Incur only expenses that are necessary, and when expenses are reimbursed, to claim only legitimate and essential out-of-pocket costs;
- Maintain high standards of behaviour and good manners, including being on time, wearing appropriate clothing, refraining from inappropriate smoking, and maintaining only a moderate consumption of alcohol (total avoidance before important decision making).
- Agree to the AS membership protection policy

An Australian Sailing Race Official who does not adhere to this code may, after investigation, risk a sanction being applied by Australian Sailing which can include termination of appointment.