



## Australian Climbing Team and Team Officials

### Code of Behaviour

Being a member of the Australian Team (Youth or Open) and official team is a privilege and comes with great responsibilities in the representation of Sport Climbing in Australia and around the world. It is essential for all to act as an ambassador of competition sport climbing, Sport Climbing Australia (SCA), the International Federation of Sport Climbing and the Olympic Movement. Each of these individuals should conduct themselves at training events, on trips and at competitions in a manner that benefits this representative position and in line with this Code of Behaviour.

We seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in our organisation and in our sport. To achieve this a high standard of behavior by players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators is essential. SCA expects all climbers representing Australia to act, dress and behave in a way that reflects positively both on the sport and the Commonwealth of Australia.

### 1. Requirements

#### 1.1 Personal Interactions

Climbers will:

- Display respect and courtesy towards others involved in our sport
- Act within the rules and spirit of our sport
- Act in a supportive and positive manner toward their teammates.
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship toward their fellow competitors.
- Respect the requests of event organisers, team management and the team coaches.

#### 1.2 Social Media

Social media is a powerful tool which when used well can promote the sport as well as increasing appeal to sponsors for both individuals, the team and SCA. This makes appropriate use of social media vital as part of the Australian Climbing Team.

Specific to Social Media, climbers will:

- Act in a supportive and positive manner toward their teammates and other competitors.

Climbers will not:

- Post offensive or discriminatory comments
- Denigrating SCA, state bodies or sponsors
- Provide direct or indirect negative and non-constructive feedback on the quality of the service provided by a stakeholder (climbing facilities, Sport Climbing organisations or Government bodies)



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## 1.3 Team Uniform

- Wearing the Australian Uniform is a privilege and climbers are asked to respect it as such
- At official events, climbers are expected to wear appropriate uniform at all times requested by the National Coaching Team and Sport Climbing Australia
- When wearing the team uniform, athletes and team officials and others are representing SCA and the Commonwealth of Australia and should act accordingly.
- Athletes and Officials must be aware of and abide by the [Uniform Policy](#) published on the Sport Climbing Australia Website.

## 1.4 Travel

- Travel arrangements for team events are to be coordinated with the National Coaching Team
- On team trips, athletes are to respect the instructions of team management and the coaching team.
- When traveling with the Australian team athletes, officials and others must behave in a way that reflects positively on the team and SCA.
- When traveling with the youth team there will be no consumption of alcohol, regardless of the age of the athlete or official.

## 1.5 Training and Team Events

Team members are required, unless extenuating circumstances arise, to attend all specified National training camps and team events held in their state of residence.

Team members are required to maintain a training program agreed upon by the National and State (or individual) coaches.

Athletes will be required to meet benchmark standards at training events.

## 1.6 Safety and Equipment

- Climbers are required to conduct themselves, climb and belay in a safe manner at all time.
- Climbers are required to use safety equipment that is safe and in good working order.

## 1.7 Feedback to SCA

SCA values input from the Australian Climbing Team. If you wish to give feedback to SCA it is important to go through the proper channels.

- Feedback on policy and procedures should go to the Board via [info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au](mailto:info@sportclimbingaustralia.org.au)
- Operational or organisational matters should go to the Coaching Director



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## 2 Disciplinary procedure

Failure to follow the above requirements will be reported to the SCA Board, and may result in suspension from the National Team or Official Team.

## 3 Guide for Parents and Supporters

All supporters of the team should:

- Lead by example and respect all athletes, coaches, officials and other spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses, supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Please raise any personal concerns you may have with SCA team officials in private.
- Respect all volunteers who give up their valuable time.
- Respect the facilities and equipment in competition areas.
- Do not use social media to make or post inappropriate comments about athletes, teams, officials, national sporting organisation or facilities.
- Follow the IFSC rules in relation to spectators, in particular:
  - do not enter competition or isolation zones for any reason
  - do not call out information to climbers on the wall
  - do not distract, obstruct or disadvantage other climbers on the wall

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by this code of conduct for the duration of my time on the Australian Climbing Team.

Signature:

Date: