

Sunshine Coast Jet Sports Club Inc (SCJSC)

Code of Conduct

Current as at 22/8/08

Social:

1. Obey the laws and regulations on Personal Watercraft and observe restrictions on use of public waterways.
2. Respect the environment. Stick to gazette waterways, avoid Marine Parks and treat native wildlife with respect.
3. Be considerate of other users of the waterways. Keep your distance off limits and ride sensibly past general recreational areas such as beaches, camping and picnic spots.
4. Do not permit unlicensed riders to be in control and always have your PWC registered.
5. Always carry a current drivers/PWC licence.
6. Use common sense when overtaking other vessels and keep your distance.
7. Do not refuel your PWC on beaches, use only gazette filling stations.
8. Keep the environment clean. Don't rubbish the waterways or the areas you visit.

Racing:

1. Compete by the IJSBA rules.
2. Never argue with an official. Always use the appropriate rules and guidelines to resolve a dispute.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.
4. Be a good sport. Applaud all good performances. Compliment and encourage all participants. Positive comments are motivational. The better the competition, the better you will become.
5. Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
6. Co-operate with everybody involved on race day, including your opponents.
7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
9. Keep up to date with rule changes.
10. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from the sport.
11. Show appreciation for coaches, officials, administrators and supporters. Without them, you would not be able to compete.
12. Do your best to ensure that any spectators associated with you also comply with this Code of Conduct.
13. Place the safety and welfare of participants above all else. Do not compete in a way that endangers yourself, your opponents or officials. This includes (but is not limited to) compliance with the following regulations:
 - a) Riding tune-up area: If location/space allows, an area will be designated as a "Riding Tune-Up Area". All riders must wear approved PFD and helmet while tuning/testing water craft in this area and must ride in a safe manner.
 - b) Riding on the course: Riding will not be allowed on any course at any time without permission from the Race Director.
 - c) Reckless/dangerous riding: Any reckless or dangerous riding, unnecessary bumping, crowding, chopping, blocking, deliberate striking or breaking of a course marker buoy, or unsportsmanlike conduct on the course or off, may result in the rider being penalised. In the case of a team effort, the complete team may be penalised at the discretion of the Race Director.
 - d) Blocking: The deliberate blocking of a faster machine is cause for penalty at the discretion of the Race Director.

- e) Spin outs: It is expressly forbidden to ride in a direction opposite of that in which the event is being run. A rider whose boat has spun out is permitted to turn around to continue the event provided that this action is taken only when the course is clear. The rider must give way to other racers on the course. Riders going in the wrong direction may be penalised.
- f) Obstruction: If for any reason a rider is forced to stop on or near the course during an event, it is the rider's first duty to remove his or her boat from the course in a safe manner so as not to endanger or obstruct other riders.
- g) Passing: A rider must always be prepared for another rider to pass and must therefore be aware of other riders approaching from behind. The overtaking rider must consider the safest route to pass and must do so without forcing the overtaken rider to suddenly alter course.
- h) Lapping: A rider being lapped must move over, but can continue racing.
- i) Hand signals: A rider who has spun out, fallen or stalled must raise one or both hands overhead to indicate that he or she is not injured. Re-entry into the course must be done in a safe and careful manner with the right of way given to oncoming riders.
- j) On-course assistance: Racers may not receive any on-course assistance from anyone other than course officials. If mechanical or other assistance is required, the rider must safely pull completely off the course. A rider receiving on-course assistance may be penalised one lap. Riders entering the course in an unsafe manner may be penalised. The decision by the Race Director will be final.

Discipline

1. The Management Committee may suspend a rider's SCJSC membership for breaches by the rider, owner, sponsors or pit crew of this Code of Conduct.
2. The Race Director has the authority to discipline riders, owners, sponsors and/or pit crew for violation of the IJSBA Rules. This discipline may involve disqualification, exclusion from an event, and/or ejection from the race site.
3. The Race Director may disqualify, exclude or eject the rider, owners, sponsors or pit crew for any of the following violations:
 - a) Vulgarity, offensive language or unsportsmanlike actions directed towards officials, spectators or other participants;
 - b) Failure to abide by the IJSBA race rules;
 - c) Failure to comply with watercraft requirements;
 - d) Pit crew non-compliance with regulations;
 - e) Use of intoxicating beverages and/or drugs;
 - f) Unwillingness to accept an official's decision;
 - g) Verbal or physical abuse of any official;
 - h) Participation in an event without holding a valid membership; and
 - i) Providing inaccurate or false information to any officials or on any official document.