



Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

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As a parent or guardian of an athlete who is under the age of majority (19 years old) and a program participant of Canoe Kayak Ontario (CKO), I pledge to follow this Code of Conduct, *whether I have actually read it or not, and am therefore subject to and will adhere to the Provincial Sport Organization's (PSO's) rules.*

Further, I acknowledge this Code of Conduct will apply to the 2016/17 paddling season and to all multisport games, and Team Ontario or Divisional Trials that are sanctioned by CKO and all training camps that involve CKO in any capacity.

My Child and I are ambassadors of CKO and shall maintain high standards of moral and ethical conduct, which includes self-control, responsible behaviour, and consideration for the physical and emotional well-being of others. I will not engage in conduct likely to bring CKO, any competition or the sport of canoe/kayak into disrepute.

Role as Parent

1. I will encourage my child to play by the rules.
2. I will encourage my child to play sports and remember that my child participates for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
3. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game/event.
4. I acknowledge my child's accomplishments by offering praise for competing fairly and for training and competing to the best of his or her ability.
5. I will provide leadership by upholding and insisting on the generally accepted standards of fair play and will exhibit a high level of sportsmanship and team spirit.
6. I will remember that children learn best by example and will acknowledge the good performances of my child, all team mates and all competitors.
7. I will lead by example and be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
8. I will not use alcohol or tobacco in any form during any activity associated with CKO except those events that are social in nature and that occur away from any athletic activity and even then only in accordance with any rules set forth by the authorities running the event.

Role within the Canoe Kayak Community:

1. I will, at all times, acknowledge the authority of competition officials and treat their roles and decisions with respect.
2. I will respect and show appreciation for all coaches, staff members and volunteers who give their time to enhance my child's participation in canoe/kayak.
3. I will exercise self-control, treat others (athletes, coaches, officials, staff members, volunteers and fans) with respect and expect to be treated with respect in return. I acknowledge that verbal or physical behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse is unacceptable.
4. I will not speak disparagingly of any other athlete, coach, official, staff member, administrator, volunteer or program.

5. I will not take part in bullying or discrimination, whether of a parent, athlete, coach, staff member, official or club rep, in any form, whether in person, electronically or through any form of social media.
6. I will refrain from using profane, insulting, or otherwise offensive language.
7. I will reimburse the cost of any damage to equipment or any other property resulting from wilful or negligent action on my part.
8. I acknowledge that the CKO chaperones, staff and coaches are responsible for my child during regattas, in training sessions, at other events and while travelling and that they and my child must follow established CKO policies.

A breach of any part of this Code of Conduct is sufficient grounds for my expulsion from an event.

I have read and understand the above statements and agree to conduct myself in a manner that demonstrates the standards established above.

I am the Parent/Guardian of: _____

Parent/Guardian's PRINTED NAME:

Signature: _____

Date: _____