



## **St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association**

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# **Code of Conduct for Coaches, Instructors, Assistant Coaches and Assistant Instructors\***

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among sailors, coaches, officials and spectators, the St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association, SVGSA, has established this "Code of Conduct" for the association and all affiliated clubs.

The Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of coaches and any person representing SVGSA.

The Code of Conduct is intended to provide behavioural guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved.

The Code of Conduct was not conceived to address every possible behavioural circumstance; however, it shall serve as the Organization's standard for behavioural evaluation.

It shall be the obligation of ALL coaches to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code of Conduct.

Any person violating the Code of Conduct shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including the withdrawal of any SVGSA qualifications and termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all SVGSA activities.

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of the Organization's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, safety, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority.

Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional wellbeing of the sailors under his/her management.

In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree as follows:

- To be positive role models.
- To display and instil in their Sailors the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- To conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the Sailors.
- To do their best to provide the Sailors with a positive & fun experience.
- To teach the sport and recreation of sailing to the best of their ability.
- To provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- To always wear the kill-chord in a safety dinghy while the outboard-engine is running.
- To treat all equipment with respect, maintain the equipment and ensure any damage is logged correctly.
- To treat the facilities with respect, maintain the facilities and ensure any damage is logged correctly.
- To treat all Sailors, parents, spectators, volunteers, other coaches, and officials with respect.

- To abide by and enforce the Anti-Bullying Policy.
- To not tolerate behaviour that endangers the health or wellbeing of other persons.
- To comply with the decisions of officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by SVGSA.
- To acknowledge the need to demonstrate fundamental proficiencies with respect to the game of sailing, use of safety dinghies and first aid. Consequently, all coaches agree to attend, any skill sessions that may be required by SVGSA and moreover, any first aid courses that may be mandated by SVGSA.
- To be drug and alcohol free while they are coaching, instructing or while at any SVGSA event.
- To not use any tobacco products while coaching or instructing.

**I agree to abide by the above code of conduct:**

Name of SVG Sailing Association Coach / Instructor

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Signature of SVG Sailing Association Coach / Instructor

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Date 

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\* Coaches, Instructors, Assistant Coaches and Assistant Instructors are referred to as Coaches within this code of conduct.