# St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association



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# **Anti-Bullying Agreement**

# **Purpose**

Our association and affiliated sailing clubs are committed to providing a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all sailors. Bullying, harassment, or intimidation of any kind is not tolerated, on or off the water.

### What Counts as Bullying

- Repeated teasing, name-calling, or insults
- Excluding others from activities or teams
- Spreading rumours or gossip
- Physical aggression or threats
- Online or social-media bullying
- Interfering with another sailor's gear or boat

(This list is not exhaustive)

#### Sailor's Pledge

- Treat all sailors, coaches, volunteers, and visitors with respect.
- Use kind and supportive language both in person and online.
- Include others and encourage teamwork.
- Report bullying or unsafe behaviour to a coach or club official.
- Respect club property and other sailors' equipment.
- I will help create a safe environment by supporting fellow sailors who may be experiencing bullying

### **Consequences for Bullying**

Possible Consequences May Include:

- A verbal or written warning
- A meeting with the sailor and their parent/guardian
- A restorative action (such as an apology or mediated conversation)
- Temporary suspension from training sessions and club activities
- Suspension from competition
- Indefinite suspension or termination of membership

The club reserves the right to impose a more severe consequence, including immediate indefinite suspension, for any single incident deemed sufficiently serious.

# **How We Handle Reports**

# How to Report

• Reports can be made verbally or in writing to any coach or club official.

### Investigation

• All reports will be taken seriously and investigated promptly and fairly.

### Confidentiality

• We will keep the details of all reports confidential as far as possible.

### No Retaliation

• Retaliation against someone who reports bullying in good faith is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action.