



# St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association

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## St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association Parent Code of Conduct

- I will remember that participation in sailing is based on having fun.
- I will inform the coach or the SVG Sailing Association, SVGSA, official of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my sailor or the safety of others.
- I will make an effort to learn the WS RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing) as they apply to dinghy sailing, and the rules for each event as determined by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for that event.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my sailor and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all sailors, coaches, officials, spectators, and supporters.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any coaches, officials, players, other parents, supporters.
- I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the sailors.
- I will teach my sailor to sail by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will ensure my sailor arrives before a session start time, unless specifically agreed with the coach.
- I will ensure that my sailor treat other sailors, coaches, officials, spectators and supporters with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
- I will praise my sailor for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my sailor feel like a winner every time.
- I will not interact with coaches when they are preparing to lead a clinic or training or are actively involved in coaching. I will wait until after the coaching is complete to approach the coach.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my sailor or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my sailor over winning. I will encourage my sailor to practice in order to enhance their sailing experience.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during sailing and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches during sailing, and will take time to speak with coaches and officials at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand of my sailor that he or she is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
- I will do my best to assist the SVGSA and its activities whenever possible to do so.
- I will do my best to encourage a positive attitude, good manners and good sportsmanship in relation to all SVGSA activities.
- I will not initiate, incite or encourage negative comments, gossip or discussion that may bring the sport of sailing or SVGSA, SVGSA Members and its activities into disrepute.

In the case where any issues cannot be resolved locally, the SVGSA Board of Directors may elect to establish a disciplinary panel to address the issue.