

# **NZIODA SAILOR AND CAREGIVER** **CODE OF CONDUCT**



**Purpose:** This code aims to provide guidance on the behaviour expected of all people when participating in an NZIODA event.

**Application:** This code applies to anyone involved in Optimist sailing at an NZIODA event. This includes volunteers, participants, supporters, club members, employees, service providers, and families/whānau of sailors.

Expected behaviours at NZIODA events:

## **SAILOR:**

### ***I will:***

- Never argue with an official; if I disagree with a decision I will follow the protest procedure as listed in the NOR/SI.
- Participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- Be honest, fair, courteous, respectful and a good sport, whether I am winning or losing.
- Display control, respect, honesty, dignity and professionalism to all involved within the sphere of my sailing – this includes competitors, coaches, officials, the regatta hosts, administrators, volunteers, the media, parents and spectators. I agree to treat others in a way that shows I value their time and input into the sport.
- Treat everyone equally regardless of gender, sexual orientation, religious, ethical or political beliefs, race, colour, ethnic or national origins, employment or family status, disability or age.

## **CAREGIVER:**

### ***I Will:***

- Focus on the sailor's effort and performance; not the end result.
- Never punish participants for making a mistake or not winning.
- Encourage my sailor and other sailors to sail according to the rules, and to treat all other competitors, coaches, officials, the regatta hosts, administrators, volunteers, the media, parents and spectators with respect.
- Encourage low-level resolution of disagreements where appropriate.

- Be appreciative of officials/judges, coaches and team managers, and respect their decisions.
- Never approach a competitor about an incident on the water without their caregiver/coach in attendance.
- Not verbally or physically abuse my child, any competitor, parent or official.
- Treat everyone equally regardless of sex, marital status, sexual orientation, religious, ethical or political beliefs, race, colour, ethnic or national origins, employment or family status, disability or age.

### **What happens if I breach this Code of Conduct?**

I understand that any breach of this Code of Conduct may give rise to disciplinary action by NZIODA which may decide to pass this on to YNZ to assist with resolution where appropriate. NZIODA's policy on disciplinary action for breaches of this Code of Conduct is detailed in a document entitled "NZIODA Disciplinary Procedure for Sailors in NZIODA events", a copy of which is available on the NZIODA website.

This Disciplinary Procedure has been developed primarily with sailors in mind, but will apply with all necessary modifications (as determined by the NZIODA Committee) to Parents/Guardians who breach this Code of Conduct. This means that parents/guardians may be subject to disciplinary action, or their conduct may result in disciplinary action affecting their sailors.

**Acknowledgement:** Entry to an NZIODA event is deemed acknowledgement of this Code of Conduct Policy.