



CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct is for all competitive, social, associate and day licence holders of the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association and must be abided by at all times by the participant, pit crew, family members and rider sponsors.

The Australian Jet Sports Boating Association encourages good sportsmanship and professionalism at all levels of participation; your association, club, track, riders, officials and parents. If you have any questions about the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association's Code of Conduct, please contact us at secretary@ajsba.org.au or visit www.playbytherules.net.au for advice.

EVERYONE

- Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated yourself.
- Control your temper; verbal abuse, threats and physical violence are not acceptable behaviors.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their ability, gender or cultural background.
- Be a good role model; be safe, responsible and set a good example outside of organized racing events, especially when on the water.
- Act within the rules of the sport at all times.
- Respect the decisions of officials at all times.
- Remember to treat with respect and thank fans, fellow competitors, mechanics, volunteers, team members and officials. Without these people, the sport could not exist.
- Adhere to Australian Jet Sports Boating Association Pit Rules and Regulations and the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association Drug and Alcohol Policy.
- Respect the waterways operators by adhering to the rules and guidelines of each waterway.
- Be environmentally conscious; keep your area clean and treat spills appropriately. Leave your area as you would like to find it.
- All affiliates agree to abide by state laws and ensure that only registered watercraft will be driven/ridden on the waterways by licensed enthusiasts where required by law.

OFFICIALS

- Be impartial, consistent and objective at all times.
- Place the safety and welfare of all participants above all else.
- Ensure the spirit of competition is maintained.
- Be understanding and co-operative in the interpretation and application of rules and penalties.
- Condemn unsportsman-like behavior and promote respect for all competitors.

PARENTS

- Encourage children to participate to the best of their ability.
- Focus upon the child's performance rather than the overall outcome of the event.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory.
- Encourage your children to follow the rules and respect the work and decisions of officials and marshals.
- Remember that children are involved in racing for their enjoyment – not yours.
- Set a good example by avoiding the use of derogatory or abusive language, respect officials and marshals and never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.



COMPETITORS

- Your Race Safe behavior and attitude will significantly reduce the risks of any incidents.
- Competitors have the right to race hard and fast but this must be with the utmost safety and care for your fellow competitors.
- You will wear a high-visibility vest as a beginner racer or if you have not raced for an extended period.
- You will not attempt the holeshoot as a beginner racer or racing a new class until deemed competent by the Race Director. New racers to start on outside grid positions.
- Know your crafts handling under race conditions and ride within your abilities; losing control of your craft has unacceptable risks and consequences to yourself and other riders.
- Passing: riders must always be prepared for another rider to pass and must therefore be aware of other riders approaching from behind. The overtaking rider must consider the safest route to pass and must do so without forcing the overtaken rider to suddenly alter course.
- “Holding your Race Line” under closed course racing conditions is extremely important; when being lapped you need to be able to let faster riders through safely. Lapped slower riders are not permitted to race the front runners.
- New riders or inexperienced riders are not allowed to race competitors to a buoy if the proximity endangers either rider and there is the possibility of a collision.
- When slowing down or coming off throttle, there are no brake lights on a PWC, raise your left hand.
- Memorizing a buoy course is of paramount importance. Sighting laps are not a race, they are for memorizing course. After practice and sighting laps make sure you have committed the course to memory; if you haven't been able to, ask your Race Director for extra sighting/practice laps.
- Always compete within the rules.
- Always compete to the best of your ability with honour and integrity.
- Do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any other participant.
- Avoid the use of coarse or derogatory language; control your temper. Avoid arguing with marshals and officials; any verbal abuse is unacceptable.
- Be a good sport and applaud good performance, compliment and encourage all participants. Positive comments are motivational, the better the competition the better you will become.
- Competitors are responsible for their own conduct plus the conduct of their race team.
- Compete within your skill level. Only try and extend these skills when there is no likelihood of danger to yourself and others.
- Recognize the importance of volunteers that give their time so you can enjoy your sport.
- Place the safety and welfare of other participants above all else.



THE LINE – AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

Sometimes there's no argument about where to draw the line – there are some things you should just never do. Sometime the line can be blurry. For more advice on what is and isn't considered acceptable behavior, as well as some terrific resources for parents and guardians, visit www.theline.gov.au.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Australian Jet Sports Boating Association encourages participation in online social media in a positive manner. The accessible nature of the internet however, can lend itself to the posting of threatening and derogatory material in the heat of the moment.

Once your thoughts and comments are published to the internet they are visible to the world – and they are permanent. The Australian Jet Sports Boating Association takes all cases of cyber bullying seriously and will treat online matters as it would 'real world' bullying or slandering. Breaching the Code of Conduct or bringing the sport in to disrepute online can lead to serious consequences, including tribunals, suspensions and the cancellation of the offender's Australian Jet Sports Boating Association membership and license.

If you have any questions about what constitutes acceptable content, please contact the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association at secretary@ajsba.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN JET SPORTS BOATING ASSOCIATION DISCIPLINE AND TRIBUNALS

The Australian Jet Sports Boating Association expects all licence holders to uphold the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association's Code of Conduct and as such, take threats, allegations of poor conduct and bringing the sport of watercraft into disrepute very seriously. To learn more about the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association's disciplinary process and tribunals, contact the Australian Jet Sports Boating Association at secretary@ajsba.org.au.

- The AJSBA committee may suspend a rider's membership/licence for breaches of this code.
- The race director has the authority to discipline riders, owners, rider's sponsors and/or pit crew for violation of the IJSBA/AJSBA rules. This discipline may involve disqualification, exclusion from an event and/or ejection from the race site.
- The race director may disqualify, exclude or eject the rider, owners, sponsors or pit crew for any of the following violations:
 - Vulgarity, offensive language or unsportsmanlike actions directed towards officials, spectators or other participants.
 - Failure to abide by the IJSBA/AJSBA race rules.
 - Failure to comply with watercraft requirements or pit crew non –compliance with regulations.
 - Use of intoxicating beverages and/or drugs.
 - Unwillingness to accept an official's decision or verbal or physical abuse of any official.
 - Participation in an event without holding a valid membership/licence.
 - Providing inaccurate or false information to any officials or any official document.