



CODE OF CONDUCT

Climbers competing in SANCF sanctioned and international climbing competitions should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honour according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. Climbers agree to act in accord with the following:

1. Learn the rules of competition climbing and always climb by them.
2. Be a good sport. Applaud all good climbers whether they are by your team or the opposition.
3. Climbers must wear correct footwear, and appropriate kit for the competition.
4. Treat all climbers as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another climber.
5. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other climbers, deliberately distracting or provoking another climber is not acceptable or permitted in any way.
6. Never argue with a judge, other climbers, coaches or officials. If you have a problem, discuss it with your coach or team manager and allow them to take the necessary action.
7. Verbal abuse and/or deliberate physical interference with other climbers will not be tolerated by your coach or judges and officials, and will result in immediate removal from the competition.
8. Strive to climb to your best ability at all times, both at training and during competitions.
9. Respect the time and effort put in by your coaches and officials. They deserve your full support and commitment.
10. Encourage your team mates even when they make mistakes. Remember every climber makes errors and has off days. Never ridicule or belittle opponents or team mates.
11. Respect your opponents and appreciate their good climbs. Without opposition you would not be able to have competitions.
12. Climb for the fun of it and to improve your climbing skills, not just to please parents and coaches.
13. Always think of safety to avoid injuries to yourself and others.
14. Foul language of any sort will not be tolerated.
15. Refrain from the use of alcohol or illegal drugs during competition, during practice, in accommodations provided for my team on overnight trips, and while traveling to and from competition. At all other times, climbers will ensure the responsible use of alcohol and refrain from the use of illegal drugs.

I am aware that as a climber representing my country, province, school or club, failure to adhere to this code of conduct could result in, but not limited to any or all of the following sanctions depending on the severity of the infringement:

- . Verbal warning
- . Written warning
- . Suspension from the team's next competition
- . Suspension indefinitely and retraction of team colours

Climber's Signature:

Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

(If under 18)

Name:

Date: