

Code of Conduct for Children and Young People

Harlyn Surf Life Saving Club is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parent associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club to the clubs Safeguarding Officers Peter Wells and Sarah Hodson.

Sports clubs should offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can learn new things in a pleasant and safe environment. As a member of Harlyn Surf Life Saving Club you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice

Child /Youth members are expected to:

- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members,
- Be supportive and committed to other team members,
- Keep yourself safe,
- Report inappropriate behavior or risky situations for youth members or others,
- Play fairly and be trustworthy,
- Respect officials and accept decisions,
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat,
- Respect opponents,
- Not cheat or be violent or aggressive,
- Make your club a fun place to be,
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing coaching area,
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach. Play within the rules and respect the officials and their decisions,
- Show respect to other members and coaches,
- Take care of equipment owed by the club e.g. carrying boards not dragging them,

- Respect the rights , dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age , gender , ability , race, cultural, background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/ sectarian references. This includes bullying using technologies like chat rooms or texting,
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do,
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play,
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform the club if they are going to be late,
- Wear suitable kit for training,
- Ensure they are signed in and out of training by their parent or carer and when they are late ensure they are escorted to the water's edge by their Parent / Carer,
- When under the age of 10 have their parents stay on the beach during training. Young children often become cold and tired and need to leave the water early,
- Wear club vests for beach activities from the time of arrival until the time you leave,
- Not smoke, consume alcohol or drugs of any kind when attending a club activity or representing the club at competitions,
- Only enter the water when authorized to do so by the coach and when supervised by the coaching team,
- Be a good sport!!

Children and Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity,
- Be listened to,
- Be respected and Treated fairly,
- Privacy,
- Enjoy sport in a a protective environment,
- Be referred to professional help if needed,
- Be protected from abuse by other members or outside sources,
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability,
- Experience competition and the desire to win ,
- Be believed,
- Ask for help,
- Have any concerns taken seriously and acted upon,

Any minor misdemeanors and general misbehavior will be addressed by the coach. More serious or persistent misbehavior may result in disciplinary action and potential dismissal from the club. Parents will be informed at all stages.

Disciplinary action can be appealed to the coach with final decisions taken by the club committee.

Signature of Child / Young Person	
Print name of Child or Young Person	
Date	
Signature of Parent / Carer	
Print Name of Parent / Carer	
Date	