



## 18 Footers Sailing Code of Conduct

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Competitors are expected to comply with the Basic Principle outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing as seen at: <https://www.sailingresources.org.au/rules-hub/rrs/>. In summary:

*A boat and its crew shall sail an 18 Foot Skiff in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play.*

This code of conduct applies to all Australian 18 Footers League Skiff sailors.

As an 18 Foot Skiff Sailor you shall:

- Be tolerant of other users of the waterways and surrounding environs.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other sailors/boating participants, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviour.
- Not abuse other crew members.
- Abide by the Australian Sailing Anti-Doping Policy.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your crew. Your boat's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud your opponents when they get one up on you.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated. Do not bully, intimidate or try to take an unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your fellow sailors/boating participants, without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit not just to please others.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

If a competitor, race official or volunteer has a grievance for a breach of this Code, please contact The Sailing Manager, Commodore, or CEO. Reported grievances in a competition run by the Australian 18 Footers League involve a mediation process arbitrated by 18 Footer League officials and if unresolved, there is still the pathway under the Racing Rules of Sailing. A breach of the Code of Conduct by a sailor may end up with scoring penalties or a suspension/ban from sailing.