

ILS CODE OF CONDUCT

Fair-play code for Life Saving competitions (Adapted for RLSSA and APLSC)

It is important that competition, especially World Championships and all other ILS Sanctioned events, be conducted in a spirit of goodwill and sportsmanship.

Competitors are required to abide by and compete within the rules. Any breach of the rules will be reported to the Chief Referee who may initiate action as described in [Section 1](#) of the RLSSA Sport and Competition Handbook - Misconduct.

Team members represent their RLS Branch, their organisation, their club, and Royal Life Saving society - Australia. As such, team members shall at all times conduct themselves in a proper and civil manner during the Australian Pool Life Saving Championships and related activities including social functions.

Unbecoming conduct by a team or its supporters is a serious offence and will be dealt with as such. Any action by a team which attempts to disrupt or interfere with another team is a serious offence and will be dealt with as such.

The general conduct of all participants will be measured by the following ILS/RLSSA code of fair play:

A. The RLSSA will

- Promote and encourage fair play through its members.
- Impress upon competitors, coaches, technical officials, and administrators the need to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship and good behaviour in Life Saving sport.
- Ensure that its rules are fair, clearly understood by competitors, coaches, technical officials, and administrators, and properly enforced.
- Make every effort to ensure that its rules are applied consistently and impartially.
- Treat all members equally, regardless of their sex, gender identity, intersex status, sexual orientation, age, ability, race, or physical characteristics, etc.
- Make all reasonable provision to accommodate competitors with disabilities provided that there is no competitive disadvantage to other competitors in the event being contested.

B. The RLSSA officials will:

- Abide by the rules and the spirit of the competition.
- Be honest, fair, and ethical in dealing with others.
- Be professional in appearance, action, and language.
- Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures.
- Maintain strict impartiality.
- Maintain a safe environment for others.
- Be respectful and considerate of others.
- Be a positive role model.

C. Competitors will:

- Abide by the rules and the spirit of the competition.
- Treat officials with respect and accept the decisions of Referees and Judges without question or complaint.
- Never consider cheating and in particular, not attempt to improve their individual performance by the use of drugs.
- Exercise reasonable self-control at all times.
- Accept success and failure, victory, and defeat, with grace and magnanimity.
- Treat their fellow competitors and team members with respect, both in and outside the competition arena.

D. Team managers and coaches will:

- Insist that competitors understand and abide by the principles of fair play.
- Never countenance the use of drugs by competitors.
- Never employ methods or practices that could involve risks, however slight, to the health or physical development of their competitors.
- Not attempt to manipulate the rules in order to take advantage of their competitors or their opponents.
- Respect the regulations and authority of the RLSSA and its member organisations and not attempt to avoid or circumvent these regulations.
- Recognise the special role that they have to play in the RLSSA and set a good example of sportsmanship and good behaviour at all times.
- Respect the rights of other teams and never deliberately act in a manner intended to be to the detriment of another team.
- Respect the rights of competitors, coaches, technical officials and not exploit or deliberately act in a manner detrimental to them.
- Not endeavour to influence the result of a competition by any action not strictly within the rules and regulations or within the fundamental precepts of fair play.

E. Delegates, media representatives, supporters and spectators will:

- Respect the authority and regulations of the ILS and not attempt to avoid or circumvent them.
- Accept the authority of technical officials.
- Abide by the spirit of the competitions.
- Exercise reasonable self-control and display good behaviour at all times.
- Be respectful and considerate in interactions with others.
- Acknowledge the performance of all involved in the competition with grace and magnanimity.