

## **CODE OF CONDUCT 2015**

- Members of the Welsh Surf Team selected under the rules and regulations of the Welsh Surfing Federation, are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that will do credit to Wales and the Welsh Surfing Federation.
- Selection bestows upon all team representatives the responsibility of an ambassador. Your role as an ambassador extends beyond the sport and encompasses your family, your region and your country. Your attitude and behaviour should be of a high standard at all times.
- Selected team members need to be aware that the Welsh Surfing Federation or any other sporting body does not condone the use of illegal and or performance enhancing drugs.
- It is imperative that the team remains together at all times to ensure cohesion, communication of event changes, team spirit, security and safety.
- Team bonding is always a key to success at International competition. It is important that team members are fully focused on the competition without any external pressures.

For this reason parents / spouses / friends and supporters travelling to an event where the Welsh Surfing Federation Surf Team are competing, are asked to respect the team rules and regulations.

Parents / spouses / friends and supporters will only be permitted to travel / reside / accompany competitor(s) at the discretion of the WSF committee / Team management and proving that permission does not break the events rules and is met with approval by the events sporting body.

Under exceptional circumstances, deemed in the interest of safety / well being / security and health, Parents / Guardians will be granted permission to travel / reside / accompany competitor(s) with the Welsh Surfing Team.

During events parents /spouses / friends and supporters must gain consent from management prior to contacting team members and respect team areas on the beach and at the team hotel.

- Parents / Guardians / spouses / friends that selected as part of the team / management are exempt from the above ruling.

- To represent your country is a result of hard work, dedication and sacrifice. This honour is bestowed on the very best and it is reserved for a selected few. The ultimate honour would be to gain overall victory, but this must only be achieved through fair competition.
- No victory, or even participation in an international event should be achieved through unfair methods. Cheating / unsportsmanlike behaviour is unacceptable, as is the use of any unfair advantages.
- Alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse are not part of the makeup of the serious competitor and will not be tolerated.
- Acceptable behaviour has many facets and all are as important for the competitor, who is in fact an ambassador for the country. This behaviour is that which the public sees, and certain standards must be adhered to.
- Athletes and officials should adhere to the guidelines set for the wearing of team gear.
- General conduct, such as language, behaviour (even when celebrating victory) should be appropriate for a National Teams.
- Respect, courtesy and manners should be shown to fellow travellers, in hotels, restaurants and other public places or private areas. This respect should extend to the staff, as well as patrons, and should include respect for the general public and other people's property.
- Table manners and respect for speakers at official functions should be paramount.
- Respect for the cultures of other countries, as well as their anthems and flags, is important.  
Recognition of other teams/ countries' success or failures should be handled in a dignified and respectful way.
- Above all team members should show a sense of pride and passion when representing Wales, be above reproach in behaviour and subscribe to honesty, truth and fair play.
- The WSF/Welsh Surf Team Management reserve the right to drop any team member found to be in breach of team rules / team conduct at any stage, including returning a team member to Wales during an event at their own expense.