



**Ontario Sailing**  
**PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY**

**Statement:**

It is the intention of this Code of Conduct to promote fair sailing and respect for all participants within Ontario Sailing and its member clubs. It is the expectation of the Association's Board of Directors and membership (your peers and fellow sailors) that all parents will adhere to the Code of Conduct set out below and respect the principles of fair sailing that the Code embodies at all times while participating in any Ontario Sailing activity.

**Standards:**

1. We will respect the concept that children sail because they enjoy it and not because their parents, coaches or others want them to.
2. We will respect and cooperate with teammates, coaches, opponents, officials and other parents and will treat all athletes as we would like to be treated.
3. We will at no time interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of any sailor, coach or official, and will always consider the physical and emotional wellbeing of others.
4. We will display self-control, courtesy and good manners at all times when representing our team and Ontario Sailing.
5. We will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing one's best are important to everyone.
6. We will respect the reasonable requests of the coaches and officials and recognize that failure to show such respect, including being late for or disrupting training or a regatta, may result in an athlete or parent being asked, at the sole discretion of any Ontario Sailing coach or official, to leave the site for the remainder of the training session or regatta.
7. We will at no time as parents or guardians of members on the Ontario Sailing Team verbally or physically threaten, intimidate or be abusive in any manner to a sailor, coach or official.
8. We will respect the disciplinary decisions made by the Coach or we will follow the proper course of action and appeals available to us should we disagree with any of these decisions. All Policies of Ontario Sailing are available on our web-site under "About Us".

**Review and Approval:**

This policy was first reviewed by the Board of Directors of Ontario Sailing on January 22, 2010 for approval on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010