

UKWA Coaches Code of Conduct 2024

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Date:

Event:

Role:

As a coach working with the UK Windsurfing Association and its employees/volunteers, under their race operations rules you **must**:

1. (If working with children under the age of 18) read and understand the UKWA Child Protection Policy as detailed on the UKWA website and available at the race office.
2. Have read and understood the guidance/rules for support persons.
3. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone equally within the context of their sport. Celebrate diversity in all its forms. Do not discriminate against anyone based on any protected characteristics.
4. The helm must hold a minimum of an RYA PB level 2.
5. Hold up to date and nationally recognised governing body coaching qualifications.
6. At the outset, clarify with sailors (and where appropriate their parents) exactly what is expected of them and what sailors are entitled to expect from their coach.
7. Consistently maintain high standards of behaviour and appearance. Behaviour in a way which may causes offense or harm to others. Do not use inappropriate language and always be mindful of banter and how words can also cause harm to others.
8. Not do or fail to do anything which may bring the UKWA or the sport into disrepute.
9. Respect all members of the UKWA race team and allow them to carry out their duties unhindered.
10. RYA approved coaches only, shall be permitted to crew a boat single handed.
11. Follow instructions given by a member of the UKWA race team.
12. NEVER take any sailor away from the course area or back to shore without informing the UKWA safety lead boat (usually BUSKA) or the race officer.
13. IMMEDIATELY inform the UKWA safety lead boat (usually BUSKA) or the race officer of any sailor who has suffered an injury or requires first aid treatment.
14. Keep reasonably clear of the race course during racing. You should make every effort not to interfere with the progress of any sailor racing in any fleet. The racing area is an area extending 75meters beyond the course including the starting line, the finishing lines, and their extensions in which a board normally sails whilst racing.
15. Inform the safety lead boat (usually BUSKA) or the race officer upon arriving and leaving the race site area.
16. Always wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid whilst on the water.
17. Use a kill cord whilst driving a boat (unless under direction undertaking a rescue) or whilst stationery and drive the boat in a manner in line with best practice.
18. Carry a VHF Radio capable of monitoring race channel transmissions whilst both onshore and afloat.
19. Always promote the positive aspects of their sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone rule violations or the use of prohibited substances.
20. Report poor behaviour or conduct to the race officer or event director immediately.
21. Ensure that when supporting sailors in between races that you are far enough below the starting area as to not impede on any other fleets starting their races.

Failure to apply with the above code of conduct will result in you being asked to leave the water and or the event. By signing you have read and understood the UKWA Coaches Code of Conduct.

Signed: _____

Date: _____