



Code of conduct for children

The Sled Dog Association of Scotland ('the club') is fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, at all times, show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, members are encouraged to be open at all times and to share any concerns or complaints that they may have about any aspect of the club with **a Committee Member**.

Sports clubs should offer a positive experience for children and young people and where they can learn new things in a safe and positive environment.

As a member of The Sled Dog Association of Scotland, you are expected to abide by the following junior code of practice:

Children /young people are expected to:

- Be loyal and give their friends a second chance
- Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members
- Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required
- Keep yourself safe
- Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members
- Play fairly and be trustworthy
- Respect officials and accept decisions
- Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat
- Respect opponents
- Not cheat or be violent and aggressive
- Make your club a **fun** place to be
- Keep within the defined boundary of the event
- Behave and listen to all instructions from the Committee Members and race officials. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions
- Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit
- Take care of equipment owned by the club.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity
- Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/sectarian references. This includes bullying using new technologies like chat-rooms or texting
- Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure and push others into something they do not want to do
- Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play
- Keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform a race official or Committee Member if they are going to be late
- Wear suitable kit
- Pay any fees for training or events promptly
- Not smoke at events or whilst representing the club at competitions
- Not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind at events or whilst representing the club

Children / Young People have the right to:

- Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
- Be listened to.
- Be respected and treated fairly.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy your sport in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and the desire to win.
- Be believed.
- Ask for help.

Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate race official and/or Committee Member and reported verbally to the Committee. **Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the club/sport.** Parents will be informed at all stages. Dismissals can be appealed with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body depending on the disciplinary procedures within the sport.

Signature of child/young person :

Print name child/young person:

Date:

Signature of parent /carer:.....

Print name parent/carer:

Date: