

MCofS Mountaineering Activities: EVENTS PROTOCOL



APPENDIX 10 Youth Event Codes of Conduct

The MCofS Participation Statement represents the core policy for all participants on a MCofS Mountaineering Event. Bearing this in mind it is vitally important that all participants conduct themselves responsibly for their own safety and the safety of all other people participating in the activity. The following guidance on behaviour should be brought to the attention of all those participating in the event (whether volunteers, novices, hosts, guests or children):

All Participants:

- Make the event fun, enjoyable and promote fair play.
- Be respectful of the rights of others on the meet and treat everyone with fairness.
- Do not possess, distribute or consume alcohol or illegal or performance enhancing drugs, or smoke whilst participating in the event.
- Do not engage in inappropriate sexual behaviour.
- Do not use offensive or abusive language.
- Do not be involved with or tolerate discrimination or bullying.
- Be responsible for caring for personal equipment and clothing and take care of property belonging to others on the event.
- Take responsibility for ones own actions and take account of what those actions may mean to others on the meet.
- Report all breaches of this Code of Conduct

Youth Participants

- Cooperate fully, respecting all reasonable requests and decisions made by those adult volunteers and MCofS staff on the meet.
- Do not behave in a manner which endangers yourself or others.

Adult Volunteers:

- Cooperate fully, respecting all reasonable requests and decisions made by organising adults with designated responsibilities.
- Endeavour to ensure, as far as is reasonable, the safety and wellbeing of myself and others on the meet at all times.
- Follow best practice guidelines and procedures set out in the MCofS Child Protection Policy.
- Respect the rights of young people on the meet by responding to their concerns and individual needs appropriately and promoting their welfare.
- Report any concerns to the Event Coordinator or other designated responsible persons.
- Encourage children on the event to learn and understand the ethics of the sport.

Parents attending events should:

- Cooperate fully, publicly respecting all reasonable requests and decisions made by organising adults with designated responsibilities.
- Take responsibility for the behaviour of their children on the event.
- Take an active interest in the activity of their children and support their involvement and help them enjoy their participation.
- Not force their child to participate if they do not wish to.
- Not punish or belittle a child for performing badly.
- If they have a complaint, to bring this to the attention of the Event Coordinator in the appropriate manner, or discuss the issue in private.

NOTE: the Event Coordinator (in consultation with the Activity Coordinator where appropriate) reserves the right to ask participants to leave the event / meet if their behaviour or conduct is felt to be in contradiction to the above expected good behaviour.

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