



**Introduction**

Each competitor in a US Sailing Championship or Qualifier hereby pledges to uphold the spirit of this US Sailing Code of Conduct (Code). This Code is not intended to establish a set of rules that will, by inclusion or exclusion, prescribe the appropriate behavior for competitors in every aspect of their participation in a Championship or Qualifier. Rather, the Code offers general principles to guide the conduct of competitors in situations that have ethical implications.

The competitor commits to familiarization with this Code and understands that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of participation in a US Sailing Championship or Qualifier. Competitors who do not conform to this Code will be subject to the consequences of their actions, as specified below. The competitor has a right to a hearing if charged with a violation of this Code.

**Elements of the Code**

Each competitor in a US Sailing Championship pledges they:

**Participation**

> Will abide by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the US Sailing Regulations, all rules related to the Championship selection procedures as specified by US Sailing, the Championship Conditions, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions for the Championship or Qualifier.

> Are eligible to compete under all US Sailing rules.

**Fair Play and Conduct**

Will abide by Rules 2 and 69 of the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**Drugs & Alcohol**

> Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 10.01.C for Prohibited Substances as defined below:

> For adult US Sailing championship events, no competitor shall use, either on or off the water: marijuana or any other controlled substance as defined by state or federal law.

> For Junior and Youth events or for junior or youth competitors in any US Sailing championship, no participant or competitor shall use, either on or off the water, marijuana or any other controlled substance, or alcoholic beverages as defined by state or federal law.

**Sexual Abuse & Harassment**

Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 13.04 for Sexual Abuse & Harassment.

**Physical Abuse & Assault**

Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 13.05 for Physical Abuse & Assault

**Bullying & Hazing**

Will abide by US Sailing Regulation 13.06 for Bullying & Hazing.

**Enforcement of the Code**

> Compliance with this Code depends primarily upon understanding and voluntary compliance, secondarily upon reinforcement by peers, and, when necessary, upon enforcement through disciplinary action.

> If a competitor has been alleged to have violated this Code, the competitor will be given two options:

- A) Voluntarily withdraw from the Championship or Qualifier where the violation occurred. The competitor shall be scored RET in all races sailed and not sailed. A report will be sent to US Sailing. If the offense warrants, further action will be taken pursuant to Rule 69
- or
- B) A hearing will be held and if the Code is determined to have been broken, the hearing panel has the authority to remove the athlete from the venue immediately and mark all races as DSQ. Further action may be taken if needed pursuant to Rule 69.

> Before making a decision whether to withdraw from the Championship or Qualifier, or to request a hearing, the competitor will be given the opportunity to consult with an individual of their choice before racing commences, in order to better understand their options and potential outcomes.

I have read the above code and agree to abide by it as a condition of my (or if under 18, my child's) participation.

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Competitor's Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, complete the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_