



SQ & SPL Soundoffs NZ Codes of conduct and behaviour

What is a code of conduct or behaviour?

A Code of conduct or behaviour has been described as a set of consistent guidelines for an acceptable standard of professional conduct.

- 1/ Play by the rules
- 2/ Never argue with an official. If you disagree, discuss during a break or after the competition.
- 3/ Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other competitors, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- 4/ Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- 5/ Be a good sport.
- 6/ Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- 7/ Cooperate with your team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- 8/ Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please others.
- 9/ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 10/ Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their choice of brand, level of equipment, or choice of system configuration. Direct attacks or slander of a competitor's choice of brand or type of equipment is not tolerated.

Discipline Policy

Whenever a complaint is received, it will be forwarded to the head judge for review.

If needed, additional information will be sought from the complainant, the reported competitor or other witnesses.

Following review, the head judge will determine the appropriate level of response. This may include:

1. no action (e.g. a minor or frivolous complaint)
2. a formal warning
3. in very serious cases, additional sanctions (up to and including suspension and expulsion from SQ & SPL Soundoffs NZ indefinitely)