

## PARTICIPANTS AND TEAM CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1. Purpose and Values

The Star Sailors League (SSL) promotes sailing according to the principles of fair play, respect, excellence, and integrity, in line with the spirit of the Olympic Movement. This Code of Conduct defines the standards of behaviour expected from all athletes, coaches, team managers, and national representatives participating in SSL competitions, training sessions, and official activities. Each participant is an ambassador of their nation, their sport, and the SSL. Their actions—on and off the water—must reflect honesty, discipline, and mutual respect. Participation in SSL events demands exemplary conduct and full adherence to this Code.

### 2. Scope of Application

This Code applies to:

**Athletes, coaches, team leaders, and delegation members** representing their nation at SSL events. All persons involved in **SSL-organised activities**, including competition, training, accommodation, travel, ceremonies, and media duties. Behaviour occurring **both on competition grounds and outside the field of play** whenever linked to SSL representation.

### 3. Fundamental Principles of Conduct

All participants shall:

- **Compete fairly** and in full compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing and the principles of sportsmanship.
- **Demonstrate integrity, equality, and respect** toward all individuals, regardless of nationality, gender, race, religion, or background. **Protecting** the dignity, health, and reputation of all participants.
- **Show respect and cooperation** toward the **Team Manager, Team Captain, Social Media Manager, and Sustainability Ambassador**, and follow their directions during official SSL activities and communications.
- **Reject** any form of discrimination, harassment, abuse, violence, or intimidation.
- **Respect** race officials, SSL staff, and other competitors, and **accept** their authority and decisions without confrontation.
- **Avoid any act, comment, or gesture** that may discredit SSL, their team, their country, or the sport of sailing.
- **Uphold clean sport**, comply with all **anti-doping regulations**, and immediately report any suspected breach.
- **Avoid conflicts of interest** and report any situation compromising fairness or impartiality.
- **Exhibit discipline and professionalism** at all times, both on and off the water.



#### 4. Specific Rules for the Competition

Participants must:

- **Accept and comply with the Rules and Regulations of the SSL Gold Cup, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any official communications.**
- **Respect the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, particularly Rule 2 (Fair Sailing) and the World Sailing Code of Conduct.**
- **Abstain from any betting, gambling, or promotion related to the SSL Gold Cup.**
- **Accept and respect the decisions of the SSL Gold Cup Team Selection Board, including:**
  - The appointment of the **Team Captain**, the Captain's team selections and decisions, the final team composition approved by SSL.
- **Follow safety instructions, wear proper equipment, and behave responsibly both at sea and on land.**
- **Avoid any political, religious, or provocative displays or statements during official activities.**

#### 5. Personal Behaviour and Responsibility

Each participant is **personally responsible** for their actions, decisions, and communication.

Participants must:

- **Maintain proper conduct and self-control in all situations.**
- **Refrain from the use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or any prohibited substances during the regatta and any official activity of the SSL.**
- **Respect all SSL documentation and materials, including internal communications, instructions, and files shared for event purposes.**
  - All the documents that were not officially published online by the SSL/SAF are **confidential** and may not be shared, copied, or published without SSL authorisation.
- **Respect shared facilities, boats, accommodation, and SSL property.**
- **Report immediately to SSL management any incident of harassment, abuse, or unethical behaviour to the [humanresources@starsailors.com](mailto:humanresources@starsailors.com).**

#### 6. Communication, Media, and Promotion

- Participants **authorise SSL** to communicate through their SSL team's official social media accounts in coordination with the team's **PR or Social Media Manager**.
- Participants will be required to support and promote SSL social media channels, as well as their own team channel, through their own personal social media accounts.





- Participants grant SSL, the Sailing Athletes Foundation (SAF), organising authorities, and official sponsors the right to use, reproduce, and distribute their names, images, voices, and likenesses (photo, video, audio) in any medium, without compensation, for purposes related to SSL events and promotion.
- Participants consent to SSL and SAF collecting and using their personal data (e.g., birth date, nationality, weight, height, and results) for rankings, statistics, and media content (SSL Data Protection and Privacy Policy).
- Participants must be available for interviews, press conferences, photo sessions, and media projects during SSL events and training, as required.
- Participants must wear SSL-provided or sponsor-approved clothing and equipment during races, official media appearances, and other formal occasions.
- All personal or team sponsors must comply with SSL regulations.
- Political, religious, racial, or propaganda-like advertising is strictly prohibited on boats, clothing, or equipment.

## 7. Sustainability and Respect for the Sea

All participants must protect the environment and the waters that host SSL events. They shall:

- Never throw waste into the sea and always dispose of trash properly.
- Avoid single-use plastics such as PET bottles and disposable cups.
- Use reusable bottles and refill points provided by SSL.
- Keep venues, docks, and harbours clean and use bins responsibly.
- Participate in clean-up or sustainability initiatives organised by SSL.
- Operate boats responsibly, avoiding unnecessary idling and preventing spills.
- Act as ambassadors for sustainability, setting an example for others.

## 8. Liability and Accountability

- Each participant is fully responsible for their conduct during SSL events.
- SSL shall bear no liability for personal acts, negligence, or incidents outside its control or supervision.
- Participants take part in SSL events entirely at their own risk. See the RRS Rule 3, Decision to race. This includes, racing, trainings, travel, accommodation and any associated activity. SSL/SAF accepts no liability for any material and personal loss, damage, injury or death incurred during or as a result of participation in the event or any related activities.
- Although each SSL 47 is insured with valid third-party liability insurance, insurance in case of death or serious injury is recommended for all the athletes during their stay in any of the venues where the SSL activities and events are going to be hosted.



**09. Declaration and Acceptance**

By signing below, the undersigned acknowledges having read, understood, and accepted all terms of the **Star Sailors League (SSL) Participant & Team Code of Conduct**, and agrees to comply fully and without exception.

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