



PEN-Y-BONT SLSC



Pen Y Bont Surf Life Saving Club Youth Code of Conduct

Pen Y Bont Surf Life Saving 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, our younger members should be encouraged to be open at all times and to discuss any concerns or worries that they may have about any aspect of the club and their participation in the club with their **Club Child Protection Officer** or any other trusted adult they feel happy to talk to.

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

As a member of this club, you are expected to abide by the following Youth code of practice:

Children/Young Members are expected to:

1. Be loyal and give their friends a second chance.
2. Be friendly and particularly welcoming to new members.
3. Be supportive and committed to other team members, offer comfort when required.
4. Not get involved in inappropriate peer pressure or push others into something they do not want to do.
5. Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/ coaching area.
6. Behave and listen to all instructions from the coach.
7. Play within the rules and respect the official and their decisions.

8. Respect opponents and behave in a sporting manner at all times representing your club well.
9. Refrain from holding or pushing another competitors head under water during sea events, in training or competition. This is dangerous and not acceptable. Where competitors are found to be engaging in this practise, the member will receive a warning. **Further instances of this may then lead to the member being suspended or expelled from the Club and SLSA Wales.**
10. Not take their mobile phones or other such devices, into changing areas for the purpose of taking images to cause embarrassment or humiliation to another club member. **This behaviour is dealt with very seriously.**
11. Take care of and respect equipment owned by their club.
12. All members must respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background or religious beliefs or sexual identity.
13. Refrain from the use of bad language or racial/ sectarian references. This includes bullying using technologies like Facebook, chat-rooms or texting.
14. Refrain from bullying or persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
15. Members should keep to agreed timings for training and competitions or inform their coach or coordinator if they are going to be late.
16. Members must wear suitable kit for training and competition.
17. Members must pay any fees for training or events promptly.
18. Junior members are not allowed to smoke on club premises or whilst representing the club
19. Junior members are not allowed to consume alcohol or drugs of any kind on the club premises or whilst representing the club.
20. Show respect to other youth members/leaders and show team spirit.
21. Keep themselves safe.
22. Report inappropriate behaviour or risky situations for youth members.
23. Play fairly and be trustworthy.
24. Show appropriate loyalty and be gracious in defeat.
25. Challenge or report the bullying of your peers.
26. Not cheat or be violent /aggressive.
27. Make your club a fun place to be.

Children/Young Members have the right to:

1. Be safe and happy in their chosen activity.
2. Be listened to.
3. Be respected and treated fairly.
4. Privacy.
5. Enjoy your sport in a protective, encouraging environment.
6. Be referred to professional help if needed.
7. Be protected from abuse by other member or out- side sources.
8. Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
9. Experience competition and the desire to win.
10. Be believed.
11. Ask for help.

- Any misdemeanours and general misbehaviour will be addressed by the immediate coach and reported verbally to the designated person within the club to be noted.
- Persistent misbehaviour will result in dismissal from the club/sport.
- Parents will be informed at all stages.
- Dismissals can be appealed at a cost of £25 with final decisions taken by the club committee or referred to the governing body.