

**USODA – CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR
USODA SANCTIONED EVENTS**

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is part of Conditions for USODA Events and is a rule when the Notice of Race states that the Conditions for USODA Events apply. This Code applies to all competitors, coaches and parents.

- I will support the USODA Code of Conduct, uphold the Racing Rules of Sailing and honor the spirit of Corinthian sailing.
- I will encourage and set a good personal example for everyone supporting the principles of honesty, integrity, and good sportsmanship.
- I will respect the property of others and will not use another's property without permission or steal or damage another's property.
- I will treat competitors, coaches, regatta officials, parents, hosts and all others with respect, regardless of race, religion, gender, national origin or abilities.
- I will not verbally, physically, or emotionally abuse anyone, nor tolerate such conduct by others.
- I understand that swearing, in any context, is unacceptable behavior.
- I will follow all safety procedures and instructions given by race officials, regatta hosts and other responsible adults. I will always provide assistance if another person is in danger.
- As a competitor I will not use alcohol or tobacco, nor any drugs that were not prescribed specifically for me. As a coach or parent I will not tolerate such use by any competitor.
- As a coach or parent I will not be a source of outside help that causes any competitor to break rule 41.

Code of Conduct Hearings

The following procedure shall be used at USODA sanctioned events when an alleged breach of this Code of Conduct occurs during the event.

1. The Code of Conduct Committee (Committee) shall be comprised of the Regatta Chair (or designated member of the Organizing Authority), Principal Race Officer, and the event USODA Representative.
2. Reports of an alleged breach of the USODA Code of Conduct (Conduct Reports) may be made orally or in writing by a competitor, coach, parent, Race Committee member, member of the Organizing Authority, judge, or umpire and shall be made only to the Committee.
3. Upon receiving a Conduct Report, the Committee shall meet to determine whether;
 - a. A Code of Conduct Hearing (Hearing) is required, or
 - b. The report should be passed on directly to the Chief Judge (or Chief Umpire), or
 - c. The alleged breach can be addressed without a hearing.
4. If a Conduct Hearing is held, the Committee shall take any evidence it considers necessary to determine whether or not there has been a breach of the Code, including calling witnesses.
5. If the Committee determines that a breach has occurred, it shall either,
 - a. Impose disciplinary or other action acting strictly within the limited scope of actions specified under Disciplinary Action or
 - b. In the case of a competitor, make a report to the Chair of the Protest Committee (or Chief Judge/Umpire) with a recommendation to hold a rule 2 hearing or to consider a possible rule 69 hearing.

Disciplinary Action

The following table defines the action that can and cannot be taken by the Committee when it decides to act under section 5a above.

	PERMITTED ACTIONS	ACTIONS NOT PERMITTED
COMPETITOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require an apology • Warning • Monetary fine for host venue property damage • Written report to USODA and/or competitor's home club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything that impacts a boat's series score in the event • Excusing or disqualifying the competitor from this or a future event • Monetary fine for boat damage while racing • Written report to US Sailing
COACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require an apology • Warning • Be required to leave the venue for the remainder of the event • Monetary fine for host venue property damage • Written report to USODA and/or US Sailing and/or home club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banned from future USODA events • Anything that precludes the coach's sailor from continuing to compete in the event.
PARENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require an apology • Warning • Be required to leave the venue for the remainder of the event • Monetary fine for host venue property damage • Written report to USODA and/or US Sailing and/or home club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banned from future USODA events • Anything that precludes the parent's sailor from continuing to compete in the event.