



North East & Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association

Conduct & Behaviour Expectations

Sailing is a fantastic sport for enjoying with friends and team-mates and gives you great opportunities to meet like-minded people, visit some great places and have different sailing experiences and adventures you will remember for a long time.

With opportunity comes responsibility and to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone, North East & Yorkshire Youth Sailing Association (NEYSSA) has the following expectations on behaviour and conduct when attending a NEYSSA organised event, or representing NEYSSA at an event.

These behaviour expectations apply to sailors, team leadership, family members and supporters.

By entering a NEYSSA organised event or attending an event with a NEYSSA team you accept these rules and behaviour expectations and agree to abide by them and accept the consequences should you choose not to.

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General Behaviour

- Sailors and adults are representing themselves, their families, their home club and NEYSSA. Sailors and their supporters must uphold the general expectations outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for good conduct, good sportsmanship and good seamanship.
- Everyone is to be treated with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Be ready at the agreed time & location for meetings, food, transport and launching.
- Sailors who are polite, supportive, constructive and represent themselves and their team to the best of their capabilities generally have a more enjoyable time at an event than sailors who are not.
- Bullying, intolerant practices and generally poor standards of personal behaviour, including foul language will not be tolerated.
- Cyber bullying and inappropriate messaging, photography or social media posts will not be tolerated.

Team Manager Instructions

- The instructions of the team manager and other event team management members must be followed at all times.
- If you are on a NEYSSA team as an unaccompanied sailor you will be on an event what'sapp group (or other comms) and will respond to and act on messages posted on this as needed. This is to allow the team to communicate with each other and for the team managers to send messages to everyone.
- For other events, it is expected that either the sailor or a parent will be on an event whatsapp (or other comms) in order to participate in team messages.

Host Venue Rules & Regulations

- All instructions, rules and regulations in place by the host venue must be adhered to at all times.

Alcohol & Drugs

- Anyone found with illegal drugs will be immediately sent home.
- Underage alcohol consumption is not permitted. Anyone underage found with alcohol will be immediately sent home.
- Excessive alcohol consumption leading to inebriation &/or unreasonable behaviour by anyone over the age of 18 will not be tolerated and you will be sent home.
- Team Managers / adults with supervision responsibilities are expected to abstain from drinking alcohol when fulfilling their agreed duties.



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Accommodation

If the team is staying away from home overnight under the direct supervision of a NEYYSA team manager the following rules will apply

- You are not allowed in any bedroom/ tent sleeping area other than your own.
- You will sleep in the allocated bedroom / tent.
- Age-appropriate bed-time and lights out times will be agreed by the team and everyone is expected to adhere to these and remain in their bedroom / tent until the agreed getting up time.
- Noise after bed-time / before getting up time will be kept to a minimum.
- The getting up time, breakfast time and departure time will be agreed by the team and everyone is expected to be up and ready at the agreed time(s).
- You will arrive in time for meals as arranged.
- If the team is self-catering you will contribute to every meal – by helping to prep, cook, wash up or tidy up as agreed.
- If sailors are allowed off-site unaccompanied, they must return to the designated rendezvous point by the agreed time and remain in the group they left site with. No sailor is allowed off site on their own.

Respect for Equipment & Facilities

- Do not tamper with or take another person's equipment or belongings without permission.
- Wilful damage of the host venue will not be tolerated. Accidental damage must be reported to the team manager &/or the host venue as soon as possible.
- The sailor is responsible for looking after their sailing kit and other personal belongings. This includes, if away from home overnight, making sure that kit is hung out to dry and is prepared ready for the next day. Lost kit needs to be reported to the team manager as soon as it is noticed so action can be taken to find/replace it.
- The sailor is responsible for looking after their own boat and equipment. If staying away overnight as part of a NEYYSA team, any repairs or maintenance needed must be reported to the team manager upon return to shore so that a repair can be sorted out as soon as possible.

Consequences

Failure to adhere to this expected standard of behaviour will have consequences. These will be administered by the team manager or event manager as applicable and may include;

- Removal of privileges – such as permission to leave site without a team leader accompanying them.
- Confiscation of equipment – eg: removal of equipment or personal belongings for a time period.
- Sailing penalty – you may be kept ashore for a race.
- Sent home

If you are given a sailing penalty, or are sent home you will not receive a refund of any fees paid. Parents/Carers will be expected to collect any sailor who is being sent home within 12 hours of notification.

If you are sent home from an event when representing NEYYSA, or whilst attending a NEYYSA event you will not be able to participate in any future NEYYSA organised events or to be part of a future NEYYSA team for a time period determined by the NEYYSA committee.

Appeal

If you feel the consequences were excessively harsh, after the event you have the opportunity to lodge an appeal with the NEYYSA general committee. A member of the committee not involved with the event will review the situation and if, upon reflection, the sanctions imposed at the time are deemed too harsh, an amendment to the consequences may be applied.