



## Code of Conduct

*Interscholastic/ Interprovincial climbing competition should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character and other important life skills. The highest potential of sports is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honor according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. This Code applies to all climbers involved in interscholastic sport climbing in Gauteng. I understand that, in order to participate in Primary and High School climbing, I must act in accord with the following:*

### **Climbers' Code of Conduct**

1. Learn the rules of competition climbing and always climb by them.
2. Be a good sport. Applaud all good climbers whether they are by your team or the opposition.
3. Climbers must wear correct footwear, and be suitably attired.
4. Treat all climbers as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another climber.
5. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other climbers, deliberately distracting or provoking another climber is not acceptable or permitted in any way.
6. Never argue with a judge, other climbers, coaches or officials. If you have a problem, discuss it with your coach and allow them to take the necessary action.
7. Verbal abuse and/or deliberate physical interference with other climbers will not be tolerated by your coach or judges and officials, and will result in immediate removal from the competition.
8. Strive to climb to your best ability at all times, both at training and during competitions.
9. Respect the time and effort put in by your coaches and officials. They deserve your full support and commitment.
10. Encourage your team mates even when they make mistakes. Remember every climber makes errors and has off days. Never ridicule opponents or team mates.
11. Respect your opponents and appreciate their good climbs. Without opposition you would not be able to have competitions.
12. Climb for the fun of it and to improve your climbing skills, not just to please parents and coaches.
13. Respect the equipment provided for your use. Climbing equipment is very expensive and should be used responsibly. Abuse of equipment is unacceptable.
14. Always think of safety to avoid injuries to yourself and others.
15. Foul language of any sort will not be tolerated.
16. Refrain from the use of alcohol or illegal drugs during competition, during practice, in accommodations provided for my team on overnight trips, and while traveling to and from competition. At all other times, I will ensure the responsible use of alcohol and refrain from the use of illegal drugs.

Finally, I am aware that as a climber representing my Province/ School/ Club, failure to adhere to the Climbers' Sports Code of Conduct could result in, but not limited to any or all of the following sanctions:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension from team's next competition
- Further suspension depending on severity of offence
- Suspension indefinitely