



## **PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **General Conduct**

- Abstain from unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Compete in the spirit of fair play.
- Competitors will NOT use watercraft in a reckless manner. This includes, but is not limited to, intentionally running any watercraft hard up on the beach, spraying the water on tower or race officials
- Treatment of fellow athletes, officials, volunteers, and spectators will be conducted with respect and courtesy, free of objectionable material and profanity.
- Respect the property of others.
- Always act responsibly and communicate professionally when speaking as a representative of the sport, your fellow athletes, or event personnel.
- Appropriate and respectful dress code when appearing at event functions and in VIP areas.
- Avoid the use of abusive behavior including verbal, physical, or sexual.
- NO public nudity or indecent exposure.

### **Responsibility**

- Be responsible for your safety as well as the safety of others. This includes the entire time period spent at the event.
- Obey all rules, regulations, and instructions from race officials. This includes wearing helmets on and around the course area and in view of fellow athletes and the community.
- Never make false statements concerning eligibility and membership to compete.
- Complete event registration for events before registration cut-off dates and times.
- Complete onsite check-in during the posted check-in/registration hours.
- Attend mandatory rider meetings or inform the Race Director of the inability to attend.
- Know, understand, and follow the AJSA Competition Rules

### **Violations for the Application of the AJSA Code of Conduct**

- Audible/visible displays of obscenity and anger.
- Heated public disagreements with officials, and/or negative comments to or about volunteers or any other event personnel before, during, or at the conclusion of an event.

- Displays of anger or displeasure for personal or race-related where members of the public (including athletes, spectators, and the media) are present in any capacity.
- Publicly questioning or criticizing a race official or official decision, ruling, or penalty except through the accepted procedure in an official hearing or inquiry.
- Abuse (physical, verbal, threatening, or slanderous) of Race Officials, volunteers, fellow competitors, and any event personnel.
- Any intentional obstruction of a fellow athlete.
- Improper contact or arguments with race officials or other event personnel.
- Improper or insulting personal communication with officials.

### **Unprofessional Public Communications (all aspects)**

- Malicious comments with racial, cultural, or sexual implications regarding event officials, event personnel, or fellow athletes.
- Damaging or false commentary of an event and any related personnel.
- Any public comment or discussion regarding a specific violation – including comments or discussion at the race venue or to the media.

### **Deliberate and Recurring Violations of Event Procedures**

- Failure to attend mandatory briefing without notifying the Race Director of inability to attend.
- Failure to notify event staff of withdrawal from an event.

### **Sanctions for Breach of the Code of Conduct**

- Participants whose conduct is found to be contrary to this Code are subject to penalties, including but not limited to one or more of the following:
  - A fine and/or a letter of reprimand
  - Disqualification from Event(s).
  - Loss of earned points from overall points ranking in which the rider is ranked.
  - Temporary suspension from AJSA events – one or more series events.
  - Permanent suspension from all AJSA Events.