

# Western Australian Water Ski Association



## Board Code of Conduct

### 1. Purpose of Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to outline the type of behaviour that Western Australian Water Ski Association requires from its board and set out clear principles and guidelines for the ethical and professional conduct of board members in effectively carrying out their responsibilities.

### 2. Who does this Code of Conduct apply to?

This Code of Conduct applies to Western Australian Water Ski Association board members whenever they are acting in their capacity as an Western Australian Water Ski Association board member.

### 3. Our Values

Board members are critical cultural leaders of Western Australian Water Ski Association and have a responsibility to role-model our values at all times. Our values are:

- We promote a sport development model that connects the recreationalist and podium bound athletes.
- We unite families and people of all ages to enjoy the benefits of our sport. Our people feel valued and connected to our purpose.
- We are leading the way to promote a safety culture within our sport. We work with our partners to ensure standards are in place. We foster awareness so that all participants benefit from an enjoyable experience.
- We have a long history of sporting success, are a leading sport nation and honour the accomplishments of our athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers.

### 4. General Principles

Board Members of Western Australian Water Ski Association must:

1. act honestly and in good faith in the interests of Western Australian Water Ski Association as a whole
2. exercise the degree of care, skill and diligence that a reasonable person in a like position would exercise in Western Australian Water Ski Association circumstances
3. exercise powers granted to them honestly and for the purposes for which they were conferred and not for ulterior purposes

4. avoid any actual or potential conflict between the obligations owed to Western Australian Water Ski Association and a board member's personal interest or other duties
5. not disclose any information that is obtained through their position that is confidential
6. disclose advantages or business opportunities acquired in the course of their office
7. prevent insolvent trading by Western Australian Water Ski Association
8. be independent in judgment and actions and take all reasonable steps to be satisfied as to the soundness of all decisions taken by the board members
9. be well prepared for board meetings
10. make reasonable enquiries at meetings to ensure that Western Australian Water Ski Association is operating efficiently, effectively and legally towards achieving Western Australian Water Ski Association's goals
11. undertake diligent analysis of all proposals and matters placed before the board
12. acknowledge and embrace decisions of the board when communicating with third parties, irrespective of their own personal views
13. treat colleagues, members and employees of Western Australian Water Ski Association with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, having proper regard to their interests, opinions, rights, safety and welfare
14. show respect for the opinions of other board members and allow each board member a fair and reasonable opportunity to contribute to discussion and decision making
15. not engage in conduct that would likely bring discredit upon Western Australian Water Ski Association or bring the board or Western Australian Water Ski Association into disrepute, or would constitute conduct unbecoming of a board member of Western Australian Water Ski Association
16. not abuse, harass, bully, intimidate, discriminate, threaten or victimise other board members, colleagues, members and/or employees of Western Australian Water Ski Association
17. comply with the content and themes of section 5 of this Code of Conduct regarding child safety
18. promote and encourage diversity, equality and inclusiveness in decision making and throughout Western Australian Water Ski Association
19. at all times exemplify the Western Australian Water Ski Association values and actively conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the critical statutory, cultural and leadership role of a board member of Western Australian Water Ski Association
20. comply with the spirit as well as the letter of the law and the principles in this Code of Conduct

**5. Child Safety**

Western Australian Water Ski Association is a child safe organisation and has zero tolerance for child abuse. Western Australian Water Ski Association adheres to applicable child safety standards and legislation. Board members must be aware of their responsibilities outlined in Waterski And Wakeboard Australia's child safety and safeguarding documents and be clear about processes for reporting and acting on concerns or reports of child abuse.

Board members will respect, listen to and promote the rights of children and ensure behaviour and interactions with children are appropriate, respectful and adhere to the behavioural expectations outlined in Waterski And Wakeboard Australia's child safety and safeguarding documents.

**6. Breach of the Code of Conduct**

A breach of this Code may be considered serious misconduct and require formal investigation and further action being taken.

In some situations, a breach of this code may result in detriment to Western Australian Water Ski Association and the board member may be liable for their actions under civil and criminal laws.

If a board member suspects that a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred or will occur, he or she must report that breach to the President/Chair of the Board and the Secretary. In some circumstances, such a disclosure may qualify for protection in accordance with the Whistleblower Policy. All reports will be acted upon and kept confidential.

With the exception of conduct that is prohibited under the National Integrity Framework (which shall be dealt with in accordance with the National Integrity Framework), the Waterski And Wakeboard Australia Conduct and Disciplinary Policy applies to any breach under this Code of Conduct.

**7. Review**

This Code will be reviewed by the Board every two years, or earlier as required.

**8. Board Member Declaration**

- I have read and understand the Western Australian Water Ski Association Board Member Code of Conduct
- I acknowledge that I must ensure that any personal interests or roles do not influence or interfere with the proper performance of my duties in the best interests of Western Australian Water Ski Association
- I agree that I have an ongoing obligation to comply with the Western Australian Water Ski Association's Board Members Code of Conduct

<i>Signature</i>		<i>Date</i>