

Encinitas Boardriders Club

Code of Conduct for Parents & Athletes

The Encinitas Boardriders Club exists to build community, develop young surfers, and represent our town with pride, respect, and sportsmanship. This Code of Conduct ensures that every athlete and parent contributes to a safe, supportive, and positive environment—both in and out of the water. Surfing in general has always been an individual sport and the Boardriders movement brings a team aspect to competitive surfing, which may be difficult to adjust to. Just remember, this is about our community and team, not one individual surfer.

Athlete Code of Conduct

1. Represent Encinitas with Pride

- Show respect to teammates, coaches, judges, volunteers, and competitors.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship whether you win or lose.

2. Commit to Team Culture

- Arrive on time, prepared, and ready to participate.
- Support your teammates—cheer for them, encourage them, and celebrate their efforts.

3. Respect the Ocean and the Lineup

- Follow surf etiquette at all times.
- Prioritize safety for yourself and others.
- Treat the beach and ocean with care; leave no trash behind.

4. Maintain a Growth Mindset

- Accept coaching with openness and humility.
- Focus on effort, improvement, and teamwork—not just results.

5. Conduct Yourself with Integrity

- No bullying, intimidation, or disrespectful behavior.
- No substance use of any kind at club events or competitions.
- Use social media responsibly; represent the club positively.

Parent & Guardian Code of Conduct

1. Be a Positive Role Model

- Demonstrate respect toward athletes, coaches, judges, volunteers, and other parents.
- Encourage sportsmanship and teamwork above winning.

2. Support the Coaching Staff

- Allow coaches to coach—avoid giving conflicting instructions from the beach.
- Trust the process, decisions, and expertise of the coaching team.
- If you have a grievance bring it forward via email to the club's Board of Directors, not the Coach.

3. Create a Healthy Competitive Environment

- Celebrate effort, improvement, and resilience.
- Avoid negative comments about other athletes, teams, or judging decisions.
- Never confront judges, officials, or opposing teams.
- Parents are not to approach the coach during competitions or enter the competition area (10x10 canopy).

4. Foster Respect for the Ocean and your Community

- Encourage safe surf practices and environmental stewardship.
- Help maintain clean beaches and responsible surf behavior.

5. Uphold Club Values

- No aggressive behavior, profanity, or disruptive conduct at events.
- No substance use at youth events or competitions.
- Use social media responsibly—no negative posts about athletes, coaches, or events.

Commitment to Community

By participating in the Encinitas Boardriders Club, athletes and parents agree to uphold this Code of Conduct. Violations may result in warnings, suspension from events, or removal from the club, depending on severity.

Together, we create a culture that reflects the spirit of Encinitas—respectful, supportive, competitive, and deeply connected to the ocean.