

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales – Appendix 4 **Officials Code of Conduct**

Surf Life Saving Association of Wales believes the duty of sports officials is to act as impartial judges of sport competitions. We believe this duty carries with it an obligation to perform with accuracy, fairness and objectivity through an overriding sense of integrity. Integrity of officiating rests on the integrity and ethical conduct of each individual official. This integrity and conduct are the very basis of the future and well-being of organised sports and the effectiveness and enjoyment of competition.

The Role of the Officials

- Abide by the rules and the spirit of the competition
- Be fair, considerate and honest with others. Explain their decisions clearly and concisely remembering at all times to be fair and unbiased.
- Attend at training sessions that are arranged by the Sports Chair to keep your knowledge of competition rules up to date.
- Bring your SLSA Wales Officials logbook to events that you officiate at to record your qualifications and experience, so that you remain qualified within Wales
- Be professional in their actions, language, presentation, punctuality reflecting high standards
- Encourage new volunteers and be generous with your time when mentoring them
- Resolve conflicts fairly and promptly through established procedures
- Maintain strict impartiality
- Maintain a safe environment for all competitors by considering the wellbeing and safety of all participants
- Show caution and concern towards others
- Be a positive role model towards others
- Show respect to all athletes considering some may have no experience of competition
- Consider their position of authority and be approachable in manner to all athletes
- Be knowledgeable of the rules

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