

# Scottish Orienteering Association

## Code of Conduct

### General Code of Conduct

This document applies to all participants, officials and helpers at orienteering events and activities held in Scotland by clubs or groups affiliated to the Scottish Orienteering Association or by the Association itself.

The Code of Conduct addresses correct and appropriate behaviours expected of people falling within this scope.

Participants, officials and helpers are expected to:

- Uphold the values and policies of the Scottish Orienteering Association.
- Abide by the rules of orienteering and relevant guidance for activities and events.
- Recognise that officials and helpers are volunteers and show courtesy and respect to them and the decisions they make.
- Show courtesy and respect to all participants, landowners, other land users, local residents, members of the public and the environment at all times.
- Engage with and respect the spirit of the sport by encouraging and supporting other participants and by volunteering at events.
- Ensure that any concern regarding the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults associated with orienteering activities is reported to the SOA Lead Child Welfare & Protection Officer or a Club Child Welfare & Protection Officer.
- Promote and preserve the good reputation of orienteering and do not behave, or condone others behaving, in a manner liable to bring the sport or Scottish Orienteering into disrepute. Such behaviours include inappropriate or abusive language, bullying, harassment, discrimination, physical or verbal violence.
- Follow the principles of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code including respecting property and privacy of local residents and property and livelihood of landowners.