

# Scottish Orienteering Association

## Code of Conduct for members

This Code of Conduct defines what is considered good and correct behaviour by members of the SOA. Members are expected to uphold the values and policies of the SOA and to preserve the reputation of orienteering in Scotland as an inclusive sport showing respect for all participants, officials, landowners, local residents, members of the public and the environment.

### SOA members are expected to:

- Compete within the rules of orienteering
- Show courtesy and respect to officials and the decisions they make
- Respect the spirit of the sport by showing encouragement and support to other participants and by volunteering at events.
- Not display or condone any inappropriate or abusive language, bullying, harassment, discrimination, physical or verbal violence or any conduct which could be construed as unethical, whether in person or on social media
- Ensure that any concern regarding the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults is reported to their club child protection officer
- Promote the good reputation of orienteering and not behave, or condone others' behaviour, in a manner liable to bring the sport or SOA into disrepute.

### In particular, members should:

- Not behave in any way which could be deemed offensive by other participants or members of the public.
- Recognise that behaviour tolerated by regular orienteers may not be acceptable to new orienteers or members of the public
- Respect the property and privacy of local residents
- Respect the property and livelihood of landowners
- Show courtesy and respect towards members of the public, whether in a forest or urban setting
- Follow the principles of the [Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#)