

Nepean Sailing Club Concussion Code of Conduct for Owners of Boats Participating in NSC Racing

In recognition of the potential seriousness of a concussion, all NSC members who register their boat for NSC racing events commit to following the concussion protocols and expectations highlighted below.

I will help prevent concussions by:

- Respecting the rules of my sport.
- Being committed to fair play and respect for all, including other athletes, coaches, and officials.
- **Ensuring that all members of my crew have reviewed the Nepean Sailing Club Concussion Code of Conduct for Racing Crew.** This will apply to my regular crew, occasional crew, one-time crew from the crew-bank or a non-member of the NSC.

I will care for my health and safety by taking concussions seriously, and I understand that:

- A concussion is a brain injury that can have both short and long-term effects.
- A blow to my head, face, neck, or body that causes the brain to move around inside the skull may cause a concussion.
- I don't need to lose consciousness to have had a concussion.
- I have a commitment to concussion recognition and reporting, including if I think I might have a concussion I should stop participating in further training, practice or competition immediately and tell a coach; as well as reporting to my coach if I think another participant has a concussion.
- Continuing to participate in further training, practice or competition with a possible concussion increases my risk of more severe, longer lasting symptoms, and increases my risk of other injuries.

I will not hide concussion symptoms. I will speak up for myself and others.

- I will not hide my symptoms. I will tell a crew-mate, race official, another adult I trust if I experience any symptoms of concussion.
- If someone else tells me about concussion symptoms, or I see signs they might have a concussion, I will take them ashore so they can seek help.
- I understand that if I have a suspected concussion, I will be removed from sailing and that I will not be able to return to training, practice or competition until I undergo a medical assessment by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner and have been medically cleared to return to training, practice or competition.
- I have a commitment to sharing any pertinent information regarding incidents of removal from sport with the Sailing Activities Manager.

I will take the time I need to recover, because it is important for my health.

- I understand my commitment to following the return-to-sport process.
- I will respect my coaches, parents, health-care professionals, and medical doctors/nurse practitioners, regarding my health and safety.

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By signing here, I acknowledge that I have fully reviewed and commit to this Concussion Code of Conduct.

Participant: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
(of boat owners who are under 18 years of age)

Date: _____

Note: the above signature block is not required if you have registered your boat via the NSC website. By checking *“I have reviewed, and agree to follow, the NSC Fleet Concussion Policy and Protocols”* you have signalled your acceptance of, and your responsibilities to uphold, this code of conduct.