

Ipswich Whoop Club Inc.

CODE OF CONDUCT

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PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected of all Ipswich Whoop Club (IWC) members, guests and participants at IWC events and in IWC online spaces. It applies at all times when interacting with other members or representing IWC, including on social media.

IWC is built on three values: **Community, Racing and Progression**. We expect every member to uphold these values in how they treat others and represent the club.

1. RESPECT AND INCLUSION

- 1.1 Treat every person at IWC events and in IWC online spaces with respect, regardless of age, gender, race, national origin, religion, disability, experience level, or background.
- 1.2 Bullying, harassment, intimidation, discrimination or vilification in any form will not be tolerated and may result in immediate expulsion from the Association.
- 1.3 Welcome newcomers warmly and help them feel part of the community. Remember that everyone was a beginner once.
- 1.4 Healthy competition is encouraged. Unsportsmanlike conduct, including gloating, belittling others or disputing decisions aggressively, is not.
- 1.5 Accept the decisions of event officials respectfully, even when you disagree. Concerns may be raised calmly and privately after the event.

2. SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- 2.1 Safety is the highest priority at all IWC events. Never compromise the safety of others for competitive advantage or convenience.
- 2.2 Follow all safety instructions from the event organiser immediately and without argument. This includes landing instructions.
- 2.3 Report any safety concern, hazard or near-miss to the event organiser or a committee member immediately.
- 2.4 Comply with the IWC LiPo Safety Guide and Club Rules at all times. These are not optional.
- 2.5 Never fly, charge batteries or handle equipment while impaired by alcohol or any other substance.

3. COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE CONDUCT

- 3.1 Be constructive, kind and respectful in all communications, including in the IWC Discord server, Facebook group and all other online spaces.
- 3.2 Do not post content that is offensive, defamatory, misleading, threatening, or in breach of any law.
- 3.3 Disputes between members should be resolved privately or through the formal dispute resolution process — not played out publicly online.
- 3.4 Do not post photos, videos or personal information of other members without their explicit consent.

- 3.5** Treat the IWC Discord server as a shared community space. Follow the channel guidelines and moderation decisions.

4. REPRESENTING IWC

- 4.1** When participating in external events, community demonstrations or any other activity where you are identifiable as an IWC member, conduct yourself in a manner that reflects positively on the club.
- 4.2** Do not make public statements, media releases or formal representations on behalf of IWC unless explicitly authorised by the Committee to do so.
- 4.3** If you are approached by media about IWC, refer them to the committee at ipswichwhoopclub@gmail.com.

5. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- 5.1** Comply with all applicable CASA regulations when operating any aircraft, at any time and in any location.
- 5.2** Do not fly in prohibited areas, restricted airspace or in conditions that create a risk to persons or property.
- 5.3** Ensure your aircraft, radio equipment and video transmitter comply with all applicable Australian laws and regulations.
- 5.4** IWC members are individually responsible for their own compliance with CASA regulations. The club does not accept responsibility for individual members' regulatory compliance.

6. CARE OF VENUES AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1** Treat all club equipment, borrowed equipment and event venues with care and respect.
- 6.2** Leave all flying areas, pits and surrounding spaces cleaner than you found them.
- 6.3** Retrieve all crashed aircraft, parts, batteries and debris promptly.
- 6.4** Report any damage to club equipment or venue property to the event organiser immediately.

7. ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCES

- 7.1** Do not fly, operate charging equipment or handle LiPo batteries while impaired by alcohol or other substances.
- 7.2** Alcohol may only be consumed at social events where explicitly permitted by the event organiser and in compliance with venue rules and Queensland law.
- 7.3** Anyone visibly impaired will be asked to cease flying and may be asked to leave the event.

8. REPORTING A BREACH

- 8.1** Any member who witnesses a breach of this Code is encouraged to report it to a committee member as soon as practicable.
- 8.2** Reports may be made confidentially. The committee will treat all reports with discretion and will not reveal the identity of a reporter without consent.
- 8.3** Victimisation of a person who has made a good-faith report under this Code is itself a serious breach of this Code.

9. CONSEQUENCES OF BREACH

The consequences for breach of this Code depend on the nature and severity of the breach:

- **Minor breach (first offence):** Verbal or written warning from the event organiser or committee.
- **Moderate breach or repeated minor breach:** Formal written warning. The incident is recorded on the member's file.
- **Serious breach or repeated moderate breach:** Suspension from one or more events. Referred to committee for formal disciplinary action under the Association's registered rules.
- **Severe breach:** Immediate exclusion from the event. Referral to committee for possible suspension or expulsion from the Association.

- 9.1** In cases of immediate danger to persons or property, the event organiser may exclude a person from an event without prior warning or notice.
- 9.2** The right to appeal any Committee disciplinary decision is set out in the Association's registered rules under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld).

10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By becoming a member of Ipswich Whoop Club Inc. or participating in any IWC event, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.