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## ***South African National Climbing Federation (SANCF)***

### ***“Climbers Code of Conduct”***

All climbing competitions should demonstrate high standards of ethics and sportsmanship and promote the development of good character, fair play and other important life skills. The highest potential of sport is achieved when participants are committed to pursuing victory with honour according to six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

This Code applies to all climbers involved in Sport Climbing in South Africa.

I understand that to participate in any SANCF sanctioned climbing competition, I must act in accordance with the following “Climbers Code of Conduct”.

I will therefore;

1. learn the rules of competition climbing and always climb and abide by them; and
2. be a good sport and will applaud all good climbers whether they are members of my team or the opposition team; and
3. treat all climbers as I would like to be treated; and
4. not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another climber; and
5. control my temper as verbal abuse of officials or other climbers and deliberately distracting or provoking another climber is not acceptable or permitted in any way; and
6. not argue with a judge, other climbers, coaches or officials and if I have a grievance, I will discuss it with my coach and allow them to follow the grievance procedure; and
7. not verbally abuse and/or deliberately interfere with other climbers as this will not be tolerated by a coach, judge and official which could result in my immediate removal from the competition; and



8. strive to climb to my ability always at training and during competitions; and
9. respect the time and effort put in by our coaches and officials. They deserve my full support and commitment; and
10. encourage my team mates even when they make mistakes as every climber makes errors and has off days; and
11. never ridicule opponents or team mates; and
12. respect my opponents and appreciate their good climbs as without opposition, we would not be able to have competitions; and
13. climb for enjoyment and to improve my climbing skills, not just to please parents, friends, family, officials and coaches; and
14. respect my equipment or the equipment provided for me or for the competitions use, as climbing equipment is very expensive and it should be used responsibly as any abuse of equipment is unacceptable; and
15. always be safety conscious so to avoid injuries to myself and others; and
16. wear correct footwear, be suitably attired and will abide by the Competitions rules regarding sponsorships and logo placement on my kit; and
17. refrain from use of foul language of any sort as this will not be tolerated; and
18. refrain from the use of alcohol, during competitions and in accommodation provided for my team on overnight trips, and while traveling to and from competition; and
19. refrain from the use of illegal or recreational drugs as indicated in the current WADA (World Anti-Doping Code), International Standards; and
20. I expressly consent to submit to all methods of testing (blood, urine, gases etc.) and any medical, clinical or biological testing for the purpose of revealing if a prohibited substance is present in his/her body or to reveal the possible use of prohibited substances or methods; this consent being valid for doping tests in connection with a competition as well as outside competitions; and
21. I expressly acknowledge the right of SAIDS, WADA and any other anti-doping organisation to perform out-of-competition tests on me and to provide all necessary whereabouts information; and



22. I expressly acknowledge the right of WADA and SAIDS to start or to join as a party in disciplinary proceedings in connection with any disciplinary offence (including doping cases) against me; and

23. I agree that the SANCF and the IFSC may:

- a. share the information that I provide to it with WADA, SAIDS and any other anti-doping organisation; and
- b. publish any disciplinary or appeal decision concerning me (including on its website); and
- c. may record my image by any types of equipment (video, photo etc.) and use that image for any purpose in relation to and in connection with the interests of sports climbing; and

24. finally, I am aware that as a climber representing my country and the SANCF, failure to adhere to the “Climbers Code of Conduct” could result in, but not limited to any or all the following sanctions:

- a. Verbal warning;
- b. Written warning;
- c. Disqualification;
- d. Suspension from next competition or current competition;
- e. Further suspension depending on severity of offence;
- f. Suspension indefinitely;
- g. May lead to my membership being withdrawn.

Signed in .....on the ..... day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023

Climbers Name .....

Climbers ID Number .....

Signature .....

Parent/Guardian Name .....

Signature .....