

# Waihi Beach Lifeguard Services Inc & Surf Life Saving NZ (SLSNZ) Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is firstly to provide the benchmark for how members should conduct themselves, and secondly, to ensure a safe environment for the mutual benefit of the membership as a whole.

I have read, acknowledge, and agree to the following:

1. Our membership is open to all those fulfilling membership criteria as detailed in the Club's Constitution.
2. Personal information collected is for use by both SLSNZ and the Club, including in assessing my suitability for membership; health and safety record, disciplinary actions, inter-club activities, SLSNZ events and transfer of membership. Reasonable security safeguards will protect member's stored data which will only be shared at a Board or administrative level if requested by SLSNZ or other Club's Board Members.
3. The details on the Membership Registration Form are true and correct. I understand that I am required to notify the Club of any changes in writing as soon as possible after they occur. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my information remains accurate, complete and up-to-date.
4. No member should conduct themselves in a manner likely to cause offence or harm to others. Harassment will not be tolerated, and membership will be revoked.
5. The safety of all members is paramount. No member will put other members at risk, either physically or emotionally.
6. **Respect for Club's property:** I will clean and put away all equipment, vehicles, and rescue gear in the correct place and will clean, close and lock the entire Club when leaving.
7. We rely on the wider community for support. Your actions as a member must always positively impact how the community views us.
8. I will be bound by the Constitution, regulations, policies, health & safety policy, manuals, guidelines and reasonable directions of the Club and Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ), respectively.
9. I have voluntarily accepted and assumed the inherent risk of danger and injury in surf lifesaving.
10. I will not hold my Club, SLSNZ or their respective officers responsible for any claims, losses and expenses which may arise from or in connection with my membership and/or participation in any activity authorised or recognised by my Club or SLSNZ, except in the case of gross negligence or a wilful act or omission on the part of my Club or SLSNZ.
11. I indemnify my Club and SLSNZ from all claims, losses, and expenses suffered or incurred at any time, occurring due to, or resulting directly or indirectly from my failure to observe the constitutions, regulations, policies, manuals, guidelines, and reasonable directions of my Club and SLSNZ respectively.
12. I am, or my child/ren are, medically and physically fit and do not suffer from any disease or condition, either physical or mental, that would affect my/their ability to safely participate in any authorised or recognised activities of the Club or SLSNZ. If I am unsure about this declaration or suffer from such a condition, I am aware that I must bring it to the attention of the Club and SLSNZ.
13. Individuals transferring Clubs or applying for secondary membership must disclose any material or previous membership-related issues that may influence the Club's decision to approve or decline membership.
14. I accept that the Club and SLSNZ have overriding discretion to decline this membership application for any reason. Provided the Club or SLSNZ does not decline my membership application, I agree and understand that upon payment of my membership fee (if any), I will become a member of my Club and SLSNZ and that by paying the membership fee each year by the due date, I will continue to be a member of the Club, and SLSNZ, unless I resign or my membership is terminated.

Copies of the Constitution of the Club and SLSNZ can be obtained by emailing [info@waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz](mailto:info@waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz) or visiting [www.waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz](http://www.waihibeachlifeguards.co.nz).