

Code of Ethics

For Outdoors NSW & ACT Members, Stakeholders and Partners

As Outdoor providers, educators and enablers that instil qualities of health and wellbeing, safety and environmental considerations, we ask that our members, stakeholders and partners abide by this code of ethics at all times.

1. Protect the natural environment by adopting a minimal impact approach to activities in all operations
2. Instil appreciation and environmental awareness in participants by interpreting natural surrounding
3. Ensure the safety of participants, staff, and the public during activities by developing and implementing risk minimisation strategies and standardised operational procedures that align to the Australian Adventure Activity Standards
4. Use promotional photography that showcases these safety methods including but not limited to, the use of relevant protective clothing, safe roping methods and safe activity practices
5. Obey all legal requirements and adopt, as a minimum, accepted industry practices
6. Act honestly, fairly, and properly in dealings with participants, other members, and the public
7. Protect staff and participants' rights to privacy and confidentiality and refrain from spreading false or misleading information, whether written, spoken, or implied
8. Abstain from knowingly using or being party to improper or illegal methods and practices in organisational and operational activities
9. Treat all people with respect and fairness without any form of discrimination or harassment based on race, gender, age, disability, or culture
10. Refrain from intentionally compromising the professional reputation of any industry or connected outdoor stakeholder
11. Ensure staff continues to acquire and maintain professional skills and knowledge, thereby improving personal competence,
12. Encourage and assist others to develop appropriate attitudes, skills and knowledge relating to outdoor recreation activities
13. Advocate for the benefits of the Outdoors!