

Sennen Surf Club Volunteer Code of Conduct

The purpose of Sennen Surf Club is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment for children and adults to learn safety in the water and to develop a lifelong love for surfing and related activities. We are committed to giving all members equality of access and ensuring their safety at all times. We greatly value our volunteers, and without them the club would not function. To make sure that our values are central to everything we do and that safety and enjoyment are paramount, we expect all volunteers to adhere to the following:

- Follow the directions of the Beach Manager and/or Safety Officer at all times
- Follow our Safeguarding policy at all times
- Before entering the water make sure all groms and any other new surfers have been fully briefed on safety and that all know the signs used by volunteers
- Follow the direction of your group leader when in the water at all times
- Never let a surfer for whom you are responsible go out further to sea than you or your buddy (or the designated coach for the group if out back)
- Do not take anyone else into the water without the agreement of the Beach Manager
- If you are volunteering or coaching do not surf; we are there to help groms progress and to ensure their safety
- Keep control of your board at all times
- Regularly check the shore for signals from the Beach Manager and/or Safety Officer
- Treat all children and other club members equally and with the utmost respect
- Do not make jokes that may demean, or be seen as sarcastic to, children and other club members
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Do not push or grab a child
- If you have to touch a child in the water, let them know you are going to do so and explain why
- Never compromise the safety of a child by leaving them unattended in the water, on the beach or on the route to and from the clubhouse
- Do not let a grom cross the road unless a volunteer is supervising and has stopped the traffic
- If you observe something that contravenes any of the items on this code of conduct inform the Safety or Safeguarding Officer immediately
- Do not promise a child to keep secrets which might compromise their safety or wellbeing
- If you change in the presence of children ensure that you are covered at all times NB: During club sessions adults & children must change separately
- Set a good example in your behaviour both in and out of the water

Name of volunteer:

Signature and date: