

# USFA SPEARFISHING CODE OF CONDUCT

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## Introduction:

This Code of Conduct applies to all USFA Members as a minimum standard of expected behaviour. It is intended to discourage certain types of unacceptable behaviour which may discredit the USFA and the sport of spearfishing. Serious cases, such as Members willingly engaged in illegal activities, may result in penalties including suspension or expulsion from the USFA.

## The Code:

- ✚ Consider the safety of yourself and others at all times.
- ✚ Know and at all times practice the USFA Safety Rules.
- ✚ Respect our marine life by never taking more game than for your immediate personal needs.
- ✚ Respect our marine life by promptly dispatching your game upon capture.
- ✚ Respect our marine life by never killing unwanted game.
- ✚ Know and at all times obey boating regulations including:
  - Carrying the required safety equipment.
  - Navigating safely at all times.
  - Care when anchoring
- ✚ Know and at all times obey fisheries regulations including:
  - Hold a current NSW recreational fishing fee receipt
  - Size limits for certain species.
  - Bag limits for certain species.
  - Bans on the taking of protected species.
  - Ban on the sale of fish by recreational fishermen.
  - Closure of certain areas to spearfishing and other forms of fishing
- ✚ Guard our seas from law breakers by reporting suspicious or illegal activity to the proper authorities.
- ✚ Always co-operate with regulatory authority officers performing their duties.
- ✚ Show consideration towards other water users pursuing their own recreation.
- ✚ Clean your catch at a designated cleaning area or away from the general public areas
- ✚ Whenever you go diving, never leave your rubbish behind.
- ✚ Never act in a way which results in public disfavour towards our sport or our organisation.
- ✚ Maintain 50 metres distance from anglers, where it is safe to do so.