



## **Athlete/Non-Athlete Code of Conduct**

### **Outlined below is the USA Boxing Code of Conduct**

*I understand that my compliance with the Code is a requirement for my participation in USA Boxing events. I recognize that my participation in this event is an honor and privilege. I also recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior. Further, I:*

1. Will act in a manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
2. Will recognize, respect and adhere to the authority of USA Boxing's appointed coaches and team leaders;
3. Will attend all team functions, to include meetings, practices, press conferences, competitions, etc. unless excused or otherwise instructed by the team leader or USA Boxing's designee;
4. Will comply with USA Boxing and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) uniform requirements;
5. Will be within 5% pounds of my competition weight prior to competition or 8% pounds within my competition weight for a training camp 30 days out from competition;
6. Will adhere to all curfews established by the team leader or USA Boxing's designee;
7. Will maintain an appropriate level of fitness to promote optimal athletic performance;
8. Will make every effort to perform to the best of my abilities;
9. Will refrain from the use of performance-limiting drugs, including, but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol;
10. Will refrain from using any substance on the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code or Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA) banned substance list, as enforced by WADA and USADA, and will abide by the drug testing procedures of USADA, WADA, and the USOC;
11. Will abide by the policies and rules established by USA Boxing, the USOC and the Association International De Boxe Amateur (AIBA);
12. Will respect others, including my teammates, coaches, competitors, officials and spectators;
13. Will not engage in, nor tolerate, any form of verbal, physical or sexual abuse;
14. Will respect the property of others;
15. Will refrain from profanity and derogatory language that would reflect negatively on myself and USA Boxing;
16. Will refrain from illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of myself and USA Boxing;
17. Will refrain from engaging in any behavior that could detract from my ability, or my teammates' ability, to perform optimally;
18. Will maintain a positive attitude and act in a way that will bring honor to myself, the team, USA Boxing and the United States of America;

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- 19. Will limit socialization with members of the opposite sex to public areas, exceptions being immediate family members, members of the USA delegation and/or other times as approved by the team leader;
- 20. Will remember that I am an ambassador for USA Boxing, my country and the Olympic movement; and
- 21. Will cooperate with USA Boxing’s grievance process and Judicial Committee requests.

Any member present during any violation of the Code of Conduct should leave the area immediately or be considered a participant by choice.

**Disciplinary Procedures and Penalties**

*Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct set forth in this document for USA Boxing may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the penalties outlined in this agreement.*

*Penalties could include:*

- 1. *Temporary or permanent termination of USA Boxing membership.*
- 2. *Suspension from USA Boxing activities for a specified period.*
- 3. *For National Team members:*
  - a. *Immediate dismissal from team and return home at athlete’s expense.*
  - b. *Withholding of a portion or all of any stipend(s) received from USA Boxing, USOC, etc.*

*Following any disciplinary action by USA Boxing, the disciplined member has a right to a hearing by the Judicial Committee, if requested in writing with the statute of limitations, and submitted with the filing fee.*

*Any appeal taken for disciplinary action rendered in an emergency hearing shall be to USA Boxing’s CEO and will be conducted in accordance with Article XIV, Section 214.12 of USA Boxing’s Constitution and By-laws.*

**Acceptance**

I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code, which offers a general guide to my conduct as a participant in a USA Boxing event. I agree to follow the USA Boxing Grievance Procedures if I am charged with violation of the Code. I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that my acceptance of it, as signified by my signature below, is a condition of my membership in this USA Boxing event.

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Participant Name (*Printed*) Date

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Participant Name (*Signature*)

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Name of Event

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Witness