

# TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING CODE OF CONDUCT

(COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS, TRAINERS, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS)

Participation in activities of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING, including service as a coach, administrator, trainer, official, or volunteer for teams organized, sponsored, or sanctioned by TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING and competitions, camps, clinics, or appearances for, on behalf of or in representation of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING, is an honor and a privilege. In consideration of the foregoing, I acknowledge, understand, and agree to abide by and uphold the spirit of this Code of Conduct, which offers a general guide to my conduct. Therefore, I pledge and agree to the following:

1. I will at all times display the conduct expected of me as a representative of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING, act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and conduct myself in a manner that will not in anyway bring disrespect, or dishonor to either myself, TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING, or the athletes or other representatives of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING.
2. I will conform to all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations, and any rules, regulations, and codes that may be established for competitions, camps, clinics, appearances or other events, programs, and activities in which I participate.
3. I will respect the property of others, whether personal or public.
4. I will respect members of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING teams and delegations, other teams and delegations, spectators, coaches, trainers, administrators, and officials, and engage in no form of verbal, physical, or sexual harassment, or abuse. I will not engage in any inappropriate behavior with athletes, coaches, trainers, administrators, officials, or volunteers, nor will I use or attempt to use my position to exert undue influence or to seek unfair advantage over others, including athletes.
5. I will follow my TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING delegation rules including, by way of example, for participation in or attendance at Events, practices, team meetings, travel, accommodations and curfews, official ceremonies, and public relations assignments.
6. In addition to the foregoing, but not by way of limitation, the following could result in disciplinary proceedings:
  - A. Transporting, possession, or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, any IOC-banned medication or substances, or any other substances or procedures in violation of the USOC National Anti-Doping Program. There also will be no use of tobacco, or tobacco products, around athletes or during team functions.
  - B. Any physical damage to facilities, equipment, furnishings, or loss of items in a room where I am lodged, which will be paid for by those individuals assigned to the room in which the damage or loss occurs, including willful destruction of property (including that caused by horseplay, fighting, etc.)
  - C. Any act considered to be an offense under federal, state, or local laws; or a violation of the applicable rules, regulations, or codes of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING, USA WRESTLING, or the organizer of an Event in which I participate.
  - D. Gross misconduct (i.e. inappropriate horseplay, theft, fighting, etc.)
7. I realize and understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct I will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the disciplinary procedures of TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING. I also understand while I am in attendance at an Event, discipline may be imposed by the team or delegation leader or other responsible person(s) at the Event. The consequences of my actions could possibly affect my opportunities to serve as coach, administrator, trainer, official or volunteer for TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING and my membership in TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING in the future. Disciplinary action could include, but not by way of limitation, any one or more of the following:
  - A. Dismissal from a TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING delegation.
  - B. Expulsion from an Event and being sent home immediately, or other restrictions on activities.
  - C. Denial of participation in future Events.
  - D. Requirements to issue written or verbal apologies.
  - E. Revocation of accreditation for Events, activities, and/or facilities.
  - F. Suspension or expulsion from TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING or from TENNESSEE USA WRESTLING programs and activities.

I recognize that this Code of Conduct does not establish a complete set of rules, which prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Received by BOARD MEMBER\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_