

Code of Conduct for Athletes

Preamble

This Code of Conduct shall be signed by every athlete participating in events organized, sanctioned, or endorsed by the JJIF. By signing this code, the athlete confirms understanding and acceptance of the JJIF rules, regulations, and ethical principles. The purpose of this Code is to uphold the fundamental values of respect, integrity, and fair play, ensuring that all athletes represent themselves, their teams, and the JJIF with dignity and honor. This Code may be reviewed and amended by the JJIF Board, in consultation with the Athletes' Commission, in line with IOC, WADA principles.

1. Definition

An athlete is individual participating in JJIF-sanctioned competitions, training activities, or programs under the authority of the JJIF or its affiliated national organizations. Athletes are ambassadors of the ju-jitsu and are expected to act as role models promoting the values of respect, fairness, and excellence both within and beyond the sporting environment.

2. General Principles

As an athlete, I commit to:

- Uphold the values of fair play, respect, integrity and sportsmanship.
- Comply with all JJIF regulations, including the JJIF Code of Ethics, Safeguarding Policy, and WADA Code.
- Compete honestly and to the best of my ability.
- Treat all referees, officials, teammates, opponents, and spectators with dignity and respect.
- Refrain from any form of discrimination, harassment or abuse.
- Act as an ambassador for ju-jitsu, promoting integrity and mutual respect at all times.

3. Integrity and Fair Play

I will:

- Compete fairly, with respect for the rules and the spirit of ju-jitsu.
- Never attempt to influence the outcome of any match through cheating, manipulation, or unethical conduct.
- Reject all forms of bribery, corruption, or match-fixing.
- Abstain from betting, gambling or promoting such activities in relation to JJIF event.
- Respect the authority and decisions of referees and officials.
- Demonstrate humility in victory and dignity in defeat.

4. Anti-Doping Commitment

I will:

- Fully comply with the WADA Code and JJIF Anti-Doping Rules.
- Never use, possess or promote prohibited substances or methods.
- Submit to doping controls as required and cooperate fully with the testing authorities.

- Seek medical advice to ensure compliance with the WADA Prohibited List.
- Support and promote clean sport among fellow athletes.

5. Respect and Safeguarding

I will:

- Treat all individuals, especially minors and vulnerable persons, with care, respect and fairness.
- Refrain from any form of physical, emotional, or sexual harassment or abuse.
- Promote a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all participants.
- Immediately report any safeguarding concerns or observed misconduct to the safeguarding officer or relevant authorities.

6. Conduct and Responsibility

I will:

- Maintain professional and respectful attitude during training, competitions, and official events.
- Uphold and protect the image and reputation of JJIF and my national federation.
- Avoid public statements and behavior that could bring the sport into disrepute.
- Show respect towards coaches, teammates, opponents, referees and officials.
- Take personal responsibility for preparation, conduct, and health.
- Cooperate fully with ethics, safeguarding, anti-doping and educational programs.

7. Media and Social Conduct

I will:

- Use social media and public communication responsibly and respectfully.
- Avoid sharing confidential, misleading or damaging information about the JJIF, athletes, or officials.
- Refrain from posting or promoting offensive, discriminatory, or inflammatory content.
- Promote positive communication about fair play, teamwork, and respect.
- Recognize that online behavior reflects directly on me, my team, and my sport.

8. Accountability and Sanctions

I understand that:

- Violations of this Code or JJIF rules and regulations may result in disciplinary action under JJIF disciplinary Code.
- Sanctions may include warning, suspension, disqualification, removal from JJIF events or loss of eligibility.
- I have the right to be heard, to defend myself and to appeal decisions according to JJIF Disciplinary and Ethics procedures.

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____

Country/Team: _____

Date: _____