



# CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES

## ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Badminton Athlete Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers as a guide to my conduct as a member of USA Badminton. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of me to compete in USAB and Badminton World Federation (BWF) sanctioned events for this year.

**As a Member of USA Badminton, I hereby promise and agree that I:**

- Will abide by all rules related to selection procedures as approved by USA Badminton;
- Have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- Will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- Will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules;
- Am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- Will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;

- Am eligible to compete under the rules of the Badminton World Federation; and am a current member of USA Badminton in good standing;
- Will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- Will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Will respect other players, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Badminton under conditions authorized by USA Badminton and give event organizers and USA Badminton the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Badminton or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- Will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in the use of the USA Badminton logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Badminton (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, USA Badminton and the United States; and
- Will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.
- Understand and agree that the BWF Anti-Doping Rules and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing (USADA Protocol) and all other policies and rules adopted by the BWF, USADA, and the USOC apply to me and that it is my responsibility to comply with those rules. I agree to submit to drug testing at any time and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable antidoping rules would make me subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and suspension. If it is determined that I may have committed a doping violation, I agree to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the BWF and/or my national federation, if applicable or referred by USADA.
- Have read and understood the Badminton World Federation Players' Code of Conduct, Declaration of Integrity of Matches and Offences & Penalties. I will

abide by the rules specified in these documents. I am responsible to pay any penalty imposed by the Badminton World Federation and/or continental organizations which will be invoiced by USA Badminton.

**ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman by,

- Telephone at [\(719\) 866-5000](tel:7198665000)
- Email at [Kacie.wallace@usoc.org](mailto:Kacie.wallace@usoc.org)

Click the link below for further information regarding athlete rights:

<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman>

**PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION**

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

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Signature

Date

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NGB Name

Sport

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION**

**(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

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Signature

Date

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Relationship (Parent or Guardian)