In order to assist all members and to better serve the interests of those who participate in judo, USA Judo has adopted this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct (the “Code”) is intended to provide standards of ethical conduct that can be applied by United States Judo to its members, volunteers, and staff. The Code is intended to provide general principles to cover most situations encountered. The primary goal is the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups involved in USA Judo sanctioned events, clinics, or camps. The code provides a common set of values, but it is the individual’s responsibility to aspire to the highest possible standards of conduct and performance.

USA Judo grants the privilege of membership; therefore, any member or prospective member of USA Judo may be denied membership, censured, placed on probation, suspended for a definite or indefinite period of time with or without terms of probation, fined or expelled from USA Judo if such manner violates the provisions of the USA Judo Code of Conduct, or through direct action or lack of action, aids, abets or encourages another person to violate any of the provisions of the USA Judo Code of Conduct.

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Judo Code of Conduct (the “code”), which offers a general guide to my conduct as a member (athlete, coach, referee, etc.), volunteer, or staff of USA Judo. I recognize that this code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior.

As a member, volunteer, or staff of USA Judo I agree I will:

- Refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates, colleagues, or coworkers to attain peak performance
- Respect the property of others whether personal or public
- Accept appropriate responsibility for my behavior
- Act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, USA Judo, and the United States
- Respect members of my team, other teams, spectators, officials, volunteers, staff, and engage in no form of verbal, physical, or sexual, harassment or abuse
- I, a prospective or current member/licensee/participant of USA Judo or USA Judo event agree to abide by and be bound by the applicable USA Judo Bylaws, Code of Conduct, competition rules and the Safe sport rules, policies and procedures promulgated by the U.S. Center for SafeSport as they may be amended from time to time. I agree to be subject to the jurisdiction of the U. S. Center for SafeSport and agree that any sanctions imposed by the Center extend to my participation in all USA Judo events or activities and may be posted publicly and include information regarding the misconduct involved.
- Act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct
- Follow my individual sport rules, including by way of example, rules regarding curfew and required attendance of meetings or functions, and such other rules as may be in force during the time I am representing USA Judo, provided these rules have been distributed to me in advance in written or electronic form
- Not engage in discrimination based on age, gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, language, socioeconomic status, or any basis proscribed by law
- Remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country, USA Judo and the Olympic movement
- 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
- Not participate or assist in any gambling or betting activities associated with any event related to my sport or my participation
- Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Judo under conditions authorized by USA Judo and give event organizers and USA Judo the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during, and after the period

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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 Judo 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.

- Understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of a doping violation or am accused of criminal misconduct, or if for any reason I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of such legal fees and expenses.
- Not use or authorize the use of photographs, films, videos of myself in my USA Judo apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Judo logos for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Judo.
- Respect and protect human civil rights, and should not knowingly participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.
- Guard against personal, financial, social, organizational, or political factors that might lead to misuse of influence.
- Not make public statements about USA Judo that are false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent.
- Have an obligation to be familiar with the Code of Conduct. Lack of awareness or misunderstanding of the code of conduct is not itself a defense to a charge of unethical conduct.
- Not file or encourage the filing of ethics complaints that are frivolous and are intended to harm the respondent rather than to protect the public.

The following are considered, but not limited to violations of the Code of Conduct:

- Conviction of, imposition of a deferred sentence for, or any plea of guilty or no contest at anytime, past or present, or the existence of any pending charges, for (i) any felony, (ii) any offense involving use, possession, distribution or intent to distribute illegal drugs or substances, or (iii) any crime involving sexual misconduct.
- Any sexual contact or advance directed towards a USA Judo member, volunteer, or staff member.
- Violation of any of the anti-doping provisions set forth by USA Judo, United States Olympic Committee (USOC), or the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA).
- The sale, distribution or possession of illegal drugs or the illegal sale, distribution or possession of any substance listed on the USOC, or USADA recognized list of banned substances.
- The distribution or administration of any illegal or controlled substance either orally or by injection, of any substance listed on the USOC, or USADA recognized list of banned substances.
- The administration of any substance by injection, whether legal or illegal, unless it is done so by a licensed, medical professional for the purpose of health maintenance or due to illness.