

# MISSOURI USA WRESTLING CODE OF CONDUCT ATHLETES

Participation in activities of MISSOURI USA WRESTLING for teams organized, sponsored, or sanctioned by MISSOURI USA WRESTLING and competitions, camps, clinics, or appearances for, on behalf of or in representation of MISSOURI 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 MISSOURI 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, MISSOURI USA WRESTLING, or the athletes or other representatives of MISSOURI 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 MISSOURI 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 MISSOURI 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 use 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. Any athlete found to be in violation of this provision will immediately be removed from further participation in this Event and is subject to further disciplinary actions as prescribed below.
  - B. The use or possession of tobacco, or tobacco products.
  - C. 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.)
  - D. Any act considered being an offense under federal, state, or local laws; or a violation of the applicable rules, regulations, or codes of MISSOURI USA WRESTLING, USA WRESTLING, or the organizer of an Event in which I participate.
  - E. Gross misconduct (i.e. inappropriate horseplay, theft, fighting, etc.)

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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 MISSOURI 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 participate for MISSOURI USA WRESTLING and my membership in MISSOURI 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 MISSOURI 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. Suspension or expulsion from MISSOURI USA WRESTLING or from MISSOURI 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.

I have read the code of conduct and understand that I will be held responsible for any violations of this code. Further, I accept any disciplinary measures as deemed appropriate by Missouri USA Wrestling and accept to reimburse Missouri USA Wrestling for any financial responsibilities due to these disciplinary measures.

Athlete's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_