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CODE OF CONDUCT

NATIONAL COACH

I understand that as a **USA Karate National Coach**, I have assumed certain responsibilities to prepare, develop and be an advocate for the USA Athletes in the Sport of Karate. To that end of successfully fulfilling my role, I agree to:

1. Obey and abide by all USA-NKF published rules, regulations, protocols and procedures.
2. Be familiar with and obey all WKF Rules of Competition and regulations pertaining to coaching.
3. Maintain exemplary standards of personal conduct.
4. Maintain a professional appearance, including my personal attire, while representing USA-NKF while coaching or at other official appearances.
5. Obey all State, National and International Laws.
6. Follow the rules and policies of the US Center for Safe Sport.
7. Follow the rules and policies related to Coaches set forth by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
8. Not use alcohol, illegal drugs or substances, to an extent which could impair or hamper my best judgment or abilities as a Coach.
9. Apprise myself of all organizational duties and ensure that those duties are carried out in a timely and professional manner.
10. Attend all mandatory USA-NKF Technical/Referee Clinics/Seminars and social events required of me.
11. Refrain from using any profane or abusive language.
12. Accept no gratuities or gifts from Athlete members.



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13. Refrain from fraternizing with Athletes in an inappropriate manner, and to be constantly aware of the power imbalance between a coach and athlete even in social settings.
14. Not coach, train or work with athletes from competing National Teams while on official trips or in my role as a USA National Coach.
15. Assume any disciplinary measures or penalties imposed by the USA-NKF for the following:
 - a) Not properly registering Athletes for events or categories, which result in disqualification.
 - b) Not properly ensuring Athletes are apprised of any rule changes or other regulations related to the Field of Play, which could adversely affect their performance.
 - c) Not properly tabulating score or placement, which affects the final results of an Athletes competition.
 - d) Neglecting to coach/support an athlete that you have been assigned or responsible for during a competition
 - e) Arbitrarily/Improperly withdrawing a Contestant or Team
 - f) Not issuing a formal protest where one could affect the ultimate outcome of a match on behalf of an Athlete because of a lack of attention, concern or knowledge of the rules.
16. Do my utmost to teach and support each Athlete fairly and equitably.
17. Do my utmost to use my experience to ensure the best Athlete representation on behalf of the United States.
18. I will not discriminate against any part of the Delegation or Athletes based upon race, sex, gender, sexual orientation or National origin.



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19. I will not speak disparaging of the Federation or my colleagues and will endeavor to promote the National Governing Body in a positive way.
20. As a USA-NKF Coach, I will not make comments or posts on social media which are negative or disparaging about any USA-NKF athlete, fellow coach or USA-NKF official.
21. I will remember that my professional conduct includes during the use of social media and public statements.
22. I understand no USA National Team Tracksuit or uniform may be worn while coaching domestically unless I am coaching in my capacity as a National Coach representing USA in international competition.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand a violation of this Code of Conduct can result in discipline from USA-NKF ranging from a Letter of Warning up to removal from the USA-NKF Coaching Program.

Signature_National Coach

Date

National Coach Full Legal Name