



BRITISH COLUMBIA DEAF SPORT FEDERATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

Terms of Reference

A. Introduction

This Code is meant to provide all members, athletes, teams, coaches, team leaders, managers, officials, parents/guardians and administrators of all ages (the Participants) with a code of expected behaviour and an agreement by the Participants to follow this Code.

All Participants in meetings, games, events, and tournaments both in and outside of Canada under the authority of British Columbia Deaf Sports Federation (BCDSF), or when representing or when funded by BCDSF, (hereafter called "Events") have a duty and agree to conduct themselves in a reasonable, respectful and acceptable manner, and to encourage and maintain the highest standards of courtesy and fair play. These standards of expected behaviour also extend to field of play, meals, banquets, evening entertainment and accommodations (billets, dormitories, hotels, campsites, etc.).

B. Agreement of All Participants

All Participants agree, when participating in Events, receiving financial assistance or representing BCDSF in any way:

1. To not possess or use any illegal or banned substance (any substance included on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) List of Banned Substances), with the exception of properly prescribed medication for medical purposes. If taking prescribed medication before participating in BCDSF or other sport events, all Participants agree to obtain any necessary WADA Therapeutic Use Exemption for any prescribed medication which is on the WADA List of Banned Substances.
2. To not willfully damage property but where damage to property is caused by the Participant, the Participant agrees to fully reimburse the affected party for the damage.
3. To not commit any unlawful act.
4. To obey the curfew set for Participants by the Team Leader, Manager or designate of BCDSF.
5. To only use alcohol if legally permitted to use alcohol, to only use alcohol in a responsible manner and to not supply alcohol to others who are not permitted to have alcohol.
6. To only smoke tobacco if legally permitted to purchase tobacco, to not supply tobacco to others who are not permitted to purchase tobacco and to only smoke tobacco in designated smoking areas.
7. To not cheat in any way, in particular, but not limited to the following types of cheating:
 - a. To not encourage the use or use performance enhancing drugs and/or any substance on the WADA List of Banned Substances;

- b. To not enter a competition and then fail to appear without valid reason(s) and adequate notice;
 - c. To not default a game or tournament in a competition except as a result of injuries or other valid reason(s);
 - d. To not withdraw a team from a game except as a result of injuries or other valid reason(s);
 - e. To not play in a competition under an assumed name, falsifying a team entry form or giving false information to a game or tournament official.
8. To not use violence, in particular, but not limited to the following:
 - a. To not show outward displays of temper, and/or deliberate throw or hit a ball or other piece of equipment in the direction of official, spectator or opponent;
 - b. To not show outward displays of temper and threaten bodily injury to anyone.
 9. To not exhibit a poor attitude, in particular but not limited to the following:
 - a. To not swear at an official, judge, scorekeeper, spectator or opponent;
 - b. To not use profanity or obscene gestures or language;
 - c. To not bully or harass others;
 - d. To not use any sort of extortion to gain favours from others.
 10. To not participate in any inappropriate sexual behaviour.
 11. To obey all Event rules.
 12. To not create disturbances that negatively affect local residents, property or privacy. This includes late night parties, excessive offensive language and indecent behaviour.
 13. To generally behave in a manner that shows respect for all members of the BCDSF and others.

C. Supervision of Athletes Under Age of 18

1. All teams traveling to any BCDSF functions shall be supervised with a ratio of no more than twelve (12) athletes per Chaperone. For example, a team with more than twelve athletes requires two Chaperones. Chaperones shall be at least 25 years of age.
2. Co-ed teams shall have at least one Chaperone of each gender.
3. Chaperones shall stay in the same accommodations as the athletes, unless the athletes are being billeted with local families. If athletes are being billeted, the Chaperone shall provide his or her telephone number, in writing, to the organizers of the billeting and the event.
4. Athletes shall be supervised at all times when at BCDSF events or in arranged facilities. It is the responsibility of the Chaperones to know the whereabouts of each athlete at all times.
5. Chaperones shall set an overall good example for athletes. In addition, they shall not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, when in the presence of the athletes for whom they are responsible.

E. Disciplinary Action

All Participants understand, should they violate any part of this Code of Conduct, that they may be subject to disciplinary action by the Team Leader, Manager or designate of BCDSF. Such disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to:

1. the withdrawal/suspension of Participant from an Event;
2. the requirement that the Participant return home at Participant’s own expense, or in the case of an Athlete Under 18 at the expense of their parents/guardians (Suspended Athletes Under 18 remain the responsibility of the Chaperones until they are on suitable transportation home);
3. temporary or permanent withdrawal of any financial assistance received by Participant from BCDSF or recommended by BCDSF;
4. temporary or permanent suspension of Participant from some or all activities and Events of BCDSF.

F. Reinstatement or Request for Review

All Participants understand and agree that if the Participant has been suspended and wishes to be reinstated to participate in BCDSF activities the Participant shall submit a written application to the BCDSF Ethics and Discipline Committee under the attached BCDSF Ethics and Discipline Committee Procedure. If the Participant(s) wishes to appeal disciplinary action (other than a suspension), the Participant shall submit a Request for Review to the BCDSF Ethics and Discipline Committee under the BCDSF Ethics and Discipline Committee Procedure.

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