

USATF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES

USA Track & Field (USATF) is committed to providing a safe sport that maintains only the highest ethical and honorable standards. As the national governing body for track and field, long distance running, and race walking, USATF has developed the following Code of Conduct to hold Athletes to those standards. USATF hereby adopts the following Code of Conduct to govern Athletes. A member athlete agrees to abide by this Code of Conduct, and shall not evade, violate, or circumvent, whether directly or indirectly, this Code of Conduct.

USATF drives competitive excellence and popular engagement in our sport. USATF grants the privilege of membership to athletes committed to this mission. This membership is a privilege, not a right. Therefore, membership may be withdrawn by USATF at any time if USATF determines that a member's conduct is inconsistent with the mission of the organization or the best interest of the sport and those who participate in it.

USATF maintains a position of high visibility in the Olympic family and athletics community. Athletes who compete in USATF events may be seen by the public as representatives of the organization. Athletes and members are representatives of the organization and should act accordingly.

All Athletes are expected to...

1. Be knowledgeable and abide by USATF Bylaws and Regulations, Code of Ethics, Competition Rules, and other USATF policies, procedures and guidelines. Also, if applicable, athletes shall adhere to the terms contained in the USATF National Team Athlete Statement of Conditions and the USATF Athlete Agreement.
2. Be subject to the jurisdiction of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), United States Olympic Committee (USOC), and the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), as applicable.
3. Treat others fairly and with respect in accordance with all applicable USATF policies and procedures.
4. Create and maintain an atmosphere free from physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and harassment in accordance with all applicable USATF policies and procedures.
5. Respect confidential information in accordance with all applicable USATF policies and procedures.
6. Never use an affiliation with USATF in connection with the promotion of political party, religious matter, or other issue not conforming to the position of USATF that may fall within prohibited conduct under the USATF Code of Ethics, Policy on Conflicts of Interest (C).
7. Act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct toward coaches, officials, fellow competitors, volunteers, and the public.
8. Maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit performance to be at the maximum of the Athlete's ability.
9. Refrain from possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products, or controlled substances while participating in competition.

10. Not commit, or aid or abet any individual in committing any doping offense as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic Committee (USOC), or USATF rules and regulations.
11. Refrain from and prevent others from altering, distorting, removing, or covering up the sponsor logo or supplier on the Athlete's USATF national team uniform items in any photograph, video, or image.
12. Be aware that USATF sponsors and suppliers provide critical support, and recognize this support.
13. Grant to USATF at or during any USATF events or related activities the right to use the Athlete's name, likeness, image, photograph, video, biographical information and/or any other identifying characteristics for any uses or purposes that publicize and promote USATF, or any of its events, activities or businesses throughout the world in any media platform.
14. Provide advance notice to USATF regarding cancellation of travel or inability to adhere to any USATF planned travel arrangements.
15. Act respectfully toward the property of others, members of any USATF team, members of other teams, spectators, officials, volunteers, staff, etc.
16. Avoid profane or abusive language and disruptive behavior.
17. Abide by and adhere to all applicable state, federal, and international laws.

Athletes are expected to act in an appropriate manner at all times according to this Code of Conduct and other USATF policies. USATF will deal with situations when athletes do not follow the guidelines for conduct on an individual basis, according to its view of the circumstances involved. In the event an Athlete violates this Code of Conduct, the Athlete may be subject to a disciplinary hearing as specified in Regulation 21 of the USATF Operating Regulations.