



## 2015 Karate Alberta Code of Conduct

This code of conduct identifies the standards of behavior; expected of all Karate Alberta Association (hereafter called Karate Alberta) delegates, including competitors, coaches, chaperones and managers (hereafter called the “team members”). Team members shall abide by this code of conduct, from the time of selection, during training preceding a team event, during travel, to and from, and attendance at any Karate Canada Nationals competition.

In addition, whether true, other attendees at the Karate Canada National Championships may see Karate Alberta team members’ parents, relatives, friends or other persons, (hereafter called “team supporters”), also in attendance, to be associated with the Karate Alberta team or team members.

Karate Alberta sincerely appreciates team supporters and encourages their close participation with team members. However, Karate Alberta cannot bind or hold accountable team supporters under this code of conduct or initiate discipline under Karate Alberta bylaws. Therefore, Karate Alberta expects team supporters to voluntarily accept and adhere to the precepts of conduct embodied in this code of conduct and to signify such acceptance by affixing their signatures hereto.

This Code of Conduct does not intend to interfere with any person’s privilege to enjoyment! Rather, it intends to preserve the dignity and integrity of Karate Alberta through the moderate behavior of all team members and team supporters. Its precepts provide for good conduct, sportsmanship, respect for one another, as well as for other coaches, officials, fellow competitors, event organizers and all others attending the Karate Canada National Championships.

### Standards of Conduct:

1. As representatives of Karate Alberta, all team members shall adhere to this code of conduct.
2. Team members shall not use illicit drugs/narcotics or performance-enhancing drugs or methods.
3. All team members shall reside at the team venue – unless previously agreed upon by Coaching Committee or the team manager upon their reporting to Coaching Committee.
4. Competitors shall abide by any curfew set - as warranted in the coaches’ opinion.
5. Team Members shall:
  - a. Attend all team training sessions and meetings as arranged,
  - b. Attend the opening ceremonies,
  - c. Remain at the competition venue to encourage and support fellow team members,
  - d. Attend medal presentations and other official team functions, unless the coaches specifically authorize an absence.



6. Team members and team supporters shall not engage in any activity or behaviour which interferes with competition or with any athletes' preparation for competition, or which endangers the safety of others.
7. Contravention of this code of conduct, involving a team member, or a group of team members or team member(s) in association with team supporters, may result in the team member(s) receiving disciplinary sanctions as embodied in the related Competitor Behaviour Contract.
8. Team members and team supporters are expected to actively support all Alberta competitors.
9. Team members and team supporters are expected to cheer good technique and good sportsmanship.
10. Team members shall not, and team supporters are expected not to, direct any form of abusive, demeaning, insulting or profane comment toward anyone.
11. Team members and team supporters are expected to refrain from advising competitors on tactics, strategies and techniques - at ringside or from the stands.
12. Team members and team supporters are expected to demonstrate respect for the officials and their decisions. (Should you have concerns, voice them calmly through the coaches - who will assess the veracity of the concern and act, as they deem necessary. The coaches may appeal or may be able to resolve your concern through discussion or education).
13. Team members and team supporters are expected to respect and accept the coaches' decisions and to respond to coaching directions. (Similarly, should you have concerns, voice them calmly to the coaches - who will assess the veracity of the concern. The coaches may acknowledge the veracity of your concern or be able to resolve your concern through discussion or education. If your concern remains unresolved and you believe further scrutiny is fair and appropriate, contact the Karate Alberta Association through the Board of Directors or the President).
14. Karate Alberta recognizes that team members and team supporters will enjoy good humour, camaraderie, and will avail themselves of various forms of activity, entertainment, and relaxation. During all times, including these, all are expected to model moderate behaviour.

**Allegations of illegal activity, by any team member(s), may be referred to Authorities of the Law having jurisdiction. Transgression of any part of this code may result in Karate Alberta assessing a penalty or penalties, or issuing sanction(s) against the transgressor(s) following procedures embodied in Karate Alberta bylaws. Such penalties and sanctions may be in addition to any other applied by any other authority.**

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