

USATF Masters National and International Competition Code of Conduct

I _____ recognize that when I participate at a USATF Masters National Championship meet, a World Masters Athletics Regional Championship meet, or a World Masters Athletics World Championship meet, I am representing the United States, USATF and USATF Masters. I recognize that my conduct at such events reflects not only on myself, but also on the United States, USATF, and USATF Masters. As such, I hereby agree that at all such competitions, I will abide by the following code of conduct and will not evade, violate, or circumvent, whether directly or indirectly, this Code:

1. I will practice good sportsmanship – this includes treating my fellow competitors, officials, team leaders, and local organizing committee members with respect, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental ability, sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation.
2. I will learn and follow the rules of my sport that apply to the competition in which I am participating – and when faced with a dispute, I will follow the appropriate protocols, e.g., filing a protest, etc., and will not argue, dismiss, or otherwise physically or verbally interact with others in a manner that is disrespectful, threatening, or unbecoming.
3. I will not compete when knowingly ill and where such illness could be spread to others or where the impact of competing could substantially exacerbate my condition.
4. I will not compete while knowingly injured to the extent that it would hinder my ability to perform in a meaningful way on a relay team or by participating in any event could result in serious injury.
5. I will listen to the team leaders and meet officials and will defer to them when they are acting in their official capacities as it pertains to the health, safety, and welfare of myself and other competitors.
6. I will not make inappropriate or unwanted physical, verbal, or sexual advances on others.
7. I will not violate, nor will I assist another in violating, the rules set forth by USATF, WMA, USADA, and WADA as it applies to performance enhancing drugs, and I will learn the rules as they apply to applications for therapeutic use exemptions for prohibited substances that I am required to take for medical reasons.

I understand that if I, or any member of my party (defined as family members, coaches, physiotherapists, etc.) do not abide by this Code of Conduct, I may be sanctioned by being removed from further competition, denied participation in relays or other events that are determined by selection of the USATF Masters Executive Committee or its representatives, and/or refused monies from the USATF WMA Travel Grant Program for which I may otherwise have been eligible.

Dated: _____

By: _____