



## *Nova Scotia WTF Taekwondo Association*

# *Policy Regarding Code of Conduct*

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### **OVERVIEW:**

The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Further, The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices.

### **PURPOSE:**

Members of the Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association and participants in Taekwondo Canada's programs and activities are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association. Conduct that violates this Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions pursuant to Taekwondo Canada's policies related to discipline.

### **POLICY:**

All directors, officers, organizers, coaches, referees, athletes, managers, volunteers, medical personnel, employees, and other members of The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association have a responsibility to:

1. Maintain and enhance the dignity and self-esteem of members and participants of The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association by:
  - a. Demonstrating respect to individuals regardless of gender, ethnic or racial origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, political belief, disability or economic status;
  - b. Focusing comments or criticism appropriately and avoiding public criticism of athletes, coaches, referees, organizers, volunteers, employees and members;
  - c. Consistently demonstrating the spirit of sportsmanship, sports leadership and ethical conduct and practices;
  - d. Ensuring that the rules of the sport of Taekwondo, and the spirit of such rules, are adhered to.
  
2. Take steps to manage the responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages in social situations associated with sanctioned Taekwondo events;

3. Abstain from the non-medical use of drugs or the use of performance-enhancing drugs or methods, in conformance with the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and any applicable international anti-doping policies;
4. Refrain from any behavior that constitutes harassment, where harassment is defined as comment or conduct directed towards an individual or group, which is offensive, abusive, racist, sexist, degrading or malicious;
5. Refrain from any behavior that constitutes sexual harassment, where sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances or conduct of a sexual nature, when submitting to or rejecting this conduct influences decisions which affect the individual, such conduct has the purpose or effect of diminishing performance, or such conduct creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment; and
6. Comply at all times with the Constitution, Bylaws, policies, rules and regulations of The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association, as adopted and amended from time to time, including complying with any contracts or athlete agreements executed with The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association.

### **Coaches**

**Will have additional responsibilities. The athlete/coach relationship is a privileged one. Coaches play a critical role in the personal as well as athletic development of their athletes. Coaches must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in this relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it. Coaches will at all times:**

7. Ensure a safe environment by selecting activities and establishing controls that are suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of athletes, including educating athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment;
8. Avoid compromising the present and future health of athletes by communicating and cooperating with sport medicine professionals in the diagnosis, treatment and management of athletes' medical and psychological problems;
9. Educate athletes about the dangers of drugs and performance-enhancing substances and under no circumstances promote or condone their use;
10. Accept and promote athletes' personal goals and refer athletes to other coaches and sports specialists as appropriate and as opportunities arise;
11. Give athletes the opportunity to discuss, contribute to and agree with proposed training and performance standards. Provide athletes and the parents/guardians of athletes who are minors with the information necessary to be involved in the decisions that affect the athlete;
12. Consider the academic pressures placed on student-athletes and conduct training and events in a manner that supports academic success; and
13. At no time engage in an intimate or sexual relationship with an athlete under the age of eighteen (18) years.

## **Athletes**

### **Who have been selected to a representative team of The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association will have additional responsibilities to:**

14. Report any medical problems in a timely fashion, where such problems may limit the athlete's ability to travel, train or compete;
15. Participate in all competitions, events, activities or projects to which the athlete has made a commitment;
16. While traveling and competing, dress appropriately and adhere to The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association's requirements regarding clothing and official team uniforms;
17. Comply with instruction and direction provided by team officials and coaches; and
18. Avoid any behavior, which would cause unreasonable disruption or interference in competitions, training camps, or preparation of any athlete for a competition;

## **Referees:**

### **Who have been selected to referee The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association events will have additional responsibilities to:**

19. Referee Taekwondo matches with absolute fairness, honesty and integrity, ensuring that the Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association Competition Rules are properly enforced and that all competitors comply with the Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association Competition Rules;
20. Indicate any conflict of interest in any match (such as being from the same province as one or both of the competitors) and request to be replaced in any such Taekwondo match where there exists a conflict of interest;
21. Adhere to all The Nova Scotia Taekwondo Association and World Taekwondo Federation policies, regulations, standards and directives regarding refereeing; and
22. Not publicly criticize other referees or officials or any Taekwondo body, nor comment publicly on any match in which they served as a referee