

CODE OF ETHICS

of International Aerial Athletics Association, IAAA

PREAMBLE

International Aerial Athletics Association (IAAA) and its Member Federations unite under the shared commitment to integrity, respect, and fairness in all aspects of aerial sport. This Code of Ethics establishes the fundamental principles that guide the conduct of all who represent or participate in the activities of IAAA - including national federations, continental divisions, officials, athletes, coaches, judges, medical and technical personnel, organizing committees, partners, and accredited participants.

All members of IAAA community are required to comply with the principles set forth in this Code, consistent with the fundamental values of the IOC Code of Ethics, including political neutrality, institutional autonomy, friendship, solidarity, fair play, equality, and respect in sport.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The purpose of this Code is to establish uniform principles and standards of ethical conduct that ensure integrity, fairness, safety, respect, inclusivity, and sustainable development of aerial athletics, as well as to maintain trust in IAAA as an international sports organization.

1.2. The Code is mandatory for all participants in aerial athletics including national federations, continental divisions, officials, athletes, coaches, judges, medical and technical personnel, organizing committees, partners, and accredited participants.

1.3. The Code is effective in all IAAA member countries, at all events held under the auspices of IAAA and applies to significant actions affecting the reputation or interests of the sport, committed outside of events and/or online.

1.4. The Code is applied in conjunction with the IAAA Statutes and all IAAA regulations, including the Competition Rules, Anti-Doping Policy, Anti-Corruption and Integrity Policy, Safeguarding (Safe Sport) Policy, Data Protection Policy, Gifts & Hospitality Policy, the Disciplinary Code and other applicable regulations.

Field-of-play (technical) protests and anti-doping results management follow their dedicated procedures.

II. IAAA VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

Respect for universal ethical values is the cornerstone of aerial athletics and the guiding principle of IAAA. These values define the moral and professional conduct of all individuals and organizations within the IAAA community.

2.1. Spirit of Fairness and Solidarity



All members of the IAAA community shall uphold the spirit of friendship, mutual understanding, solidarity, and fair play. True excellence in aerial athletics is inseparable from respect for others and integrity in competition.

2.2. Universality and Neutrality

IAAA affirms the universal nature of sport and maintains strict political, religious, and ideological neutrality in all its actions, decisions, and representations.

2.3. Cooperation and Institutional Autonomy

IAAA seeks constructive and harmonious relations with national and international authorities, while safeguarding its institutional independence and autonomy in accordance with its Statutes and international sporting principles.

2.4. Human Rights and Dignity

All activities under IAAA must respect and promote international human rights standards. This includes:

- unwavering respect for human dignity;
- absolute rejection of discrimination of any kind, whether based on race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other belief, national or social origin, property, birth, or any other status;
- zero tolerance toward harassment, abuse, exploitation, or any form of physical, mental, or professional harm.

2.5. Safety, Health, and Well-being

IAAA prioritizes the physical and mental well-being, safety, and medical care of all participants, ensuring that all environments and events promote balance, respect, and human flourishing.

III. IAAA ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

3.1. Status and Formation

The Ethics & Integrity Committee is an independent body responsible for the intake and triage of cases, the conduct of preliminary assessments and investigations, and the development of policies and preventive measures relating to ethics, integrity, and safeguarding matters.

3.2. Composition

The Committee shall consist of at least three members, including a Chairperson, appointed for a term of four (4) years.

Members shall be individuals of high moral integrity, independence, and recognized professional competence in the fields of law, sports governance, ethics, or compliance. At least one member shall be a qualified lawyer or former judge.

Members of the Committee shall not hold any elected or executive position within IAAA or its member organizations. The Committee shall, where reasonably practicable, include gender balance and representation of different regions or backgrounds.



3.3. Mandate and Functions

The Committee shall:

- monitor compliance with the IAAA Code of Ethics;
- receive and triage reports (including anonymous) and refer non-ethics matters to the competent body (e.g., field-of-play protests, anti-doping results management);
- conduct preliminary assessments and investigations, appointing investigators where needed;
- prepare a Statement of Case and submit disciplinary cases to the Disciplinary Committee for adjudication;
- issue non-disciplinary administrative measures in minor cases (e.g. written advice, training, COI remediation), where permitted by the policy;
- issue anonymized annual reports to the General Assembly (statistics, recommendations).

3.4. Powers of the Committee

The Committee has the authority to:

- request documents, records, and other materials relevant to the investigation;
- invite witnesses to provide information or testimony;
- recommend temporary suspension of participants or officials during the investigation process when necessary to preserve integrity and fairness. Any suspension shall be decided exclusively by the Disciplinary Committee.

3.5. Procedural Guarantees

All proceedings of the Committee shall respect fundamental procedural rights and guarantees, including:

- strict confidentiality of all procedures and information obtained;
- protection of whistleblowers and witnesses from any form of pressure, retaliation, dismissal, or discrimination;
- access to relevant case materials, provided that the safety and privacy of witnesses are safeguarded;
- prohibition of any retaliatory measures against persons who report violations or participate in good faith in the process.

3.6. Procedure of the Ethics and Integrity Committee

3.6.1. Initiation of Proceedings

The Committee may initiate proceedings upon:

- a written complaint or report submitted by any member, official, or third party;
- its own motion if credible information on a potential ethical breach becomes available;
- anonymous reports if supported by reliable evidence.

3.6.2. Preliminary Assessment



- The Chairperson shall conduct a preliminary review to determine admissibility and jurisdiction.
- If the matter falls outside the Committee's competence, it shall be referred to the appropriate body (If the matter is a field-of-play protest or an anti-doping results case, the Committee shall forward it to the competent procedure without delay).
- If the matter is manifestly unfounded, the case may be dismissed at this stage with a written justification.

3.6.3. Investigation Phase

- The Committee may appoint an investigator or sub-committee to gather facts, request documents, and interview witnesses.
- The respondent shall be notified in writing of the alleged breach, relevant evidence, and his/her right to defence.

3.6.4. Decision

Upon completion of investigation, the Committee either closes the case (in the case of minor administrative measures) or submits a Statement of Case to the Disciplinary Committee for adjudication.

IV. GENERAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

4.1. Prohibited Conduct

- Discrimination of any kind, insults, harassment, bullying, hate speech, and defamation, threats or intimidation;
- Any conduct that brings the sport or IAAA into disrepute, including public statements or posts in breach of this Code;
- Gifts, benefits, or any bribe/undue advantage, other corrupt practices;
- Betting on IAAA events, competition manipulation (match-fixing) and any attempt to influence judging/results;
- Conflicts of interest (COI): non-disclosure, failure to recuse, or decision-making under an actual/potential COI;
- Serious judging-ethics breaches: bias, deliberate falsification/mis-scoring, tampering with scoring systems, leakage of judging materials/exams, taking instructions from third parties;
- Breaches of safety and medical requirements: intentional disregard/sabotage of mandatory protocols (EAP, equipment/rigging approvals, AED access, etc.) creating risk of harm;
- Forgery, knowingly false statements, destruction or concealment of evidence, improper influence on witnesses;
- Unauthorized disclosure of confidential/personal data and violations of the Data Protection Policy;
- Retaliation against reporters/witnesses, interference with investigations, failure to comply with provisional/protective measures;
- Facilitation of doping (incitement, complicity, encouragement to circumvent anti-doping rules).



4.2. Duties

- Comply with all rules and duly follow judges'/officials' decisions;
- Act with self-control and professionalism at all times;
- Respect cultural, linguistic, and religious diversity;
- Protect organizational confidentiality and personal data;
- Timely disclose and manage conflicts of interest and recuse where appropriate;
- Cooperate with the Committee inquiries (provide information/access consistent with legal rights) and preserve evidence;
- Promptly report Code breaches, safety/medical incidents, and safeguarding risks (including those involving minors);
- Complete mandatory training: ethics, Safe Sport/safeguarding, first aid/concussion basics, data protection, anti-corruption;
- Refrain from speaking on behalf of IAAA without authorization and do not use position/resources for private gain.

4.3. It is prohibited to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicants while on the premises of IAAA events.

V. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES

5.1. Athletes shall:

- Adhere to anti-doping principles and the WADA Code framework, and uphold Fair Play;
- refrain from participating in betting on competitions, result manipulation, or sharing inside information;
- refrain from provocations, pressure, and disputes with judges;
- comply with the requirements of officials;
- refrain from using derogatory, offensive, racist, xenophobic, or any other discriminatory expressions or gestures;
- respect competitors, coaches, spectators, volunteers, staff, and other participants;
- demonstrate sportsmanship before, during, and after performances;
- follow Safe Sport principles: no forms of violence, harassment, or bullying are acceptable; respect personal boundaries and consent;
- comply with medical protocols (including medical clearance for competitions, injury/concussion protocols), doctors' recommendations, and equipment/safety requirements;
- properly use uniforms, symbols, and brand guidelines;
- refrain from displaying unauthorized advertising/slogans;
- refrain from posting any materials in media and social networks containing insults, disputes, information undermining business reputation, defamation, or false information that could undermine trust in competition participants or IAAA;
- refrain from disclosing confidential organizational and private information.

5.2. Coaches shall:



- bear personal responsibility for the physical and psychological safety of athletes;
- refrain from using pressure, threats, degrading statements, or methods harmful to health;
- promote a culture of respect and provide constructive feedback;
- promptly report violations (doping, manipulation, harassment, violence, discrimination, conflicts of interest) and cooperate with inspections;
- eliminate conflicts of interest (including athlete selection and resource allocation);
- refrain from accepting gifts that could improperly influence decision-making;
- undergo mandatory training in ethics, safe sport, data protection, and anti-corruption measures;
- refrain from posting any materials in media and social networks containing insults, disputes, information undermining business reputation, defamation, or false information that could undermine trust in competition participants or IAAA;
- refrain from disclosing confidential organizational and private information.

5.3. Judges shall:

- act independently, objectively, and impartially, guided by the rules and technical regulations;
- recuse themselves in case of a conflict of interest: refrain from judging athletes/teams with whom there are familial, financial, agency, or coaching ties;
- refrain from discussing scores or decisions of the judging panel;
- maintain confidentiality of private organizational information;
- report any attempts at bribery, pressure, or influence on decisions, as well as violations of competition integrity;
- refrain from posting any materials in media and social networks containing insults, disputes, information undermining business reputation, defamation, or false information that could undermine trust in competition participants or IAAA;
- refrain from disclosing confidential organizational and private information;
- comply with communication standards and professional ethics established by the IAAA Code of Judges.

5.4. Organizers shall:

- guarantee equal participation conditions: non-discriminatory accreditation procedures, schedules, access to training facilities, etc.;
- prevent discrimination, aggression, and manifestation of hatred from spectators;
- respect cultural characteristics, symbols, and flags of all participating countries;
- adhere to anti-corruption standards: transparent procurement, refusal of gifts and benefits that could influence decisions;
- protect personal data and confidential information;
- refrain from posting any materials in media and social networks containing insults, disputes, information undermining business reputation, defamation, or false information that could undermine trust in competition participants or IAAA;
- refrain from disclosing confidential organizational and private information;



- manage broadcasting, branding, and advertising rights in accordance with regulations.

5.5. Spectators and Visitors shall:

- show respect to athletes, judges, officials, other spectators, and volunteers;
- refrain from insults, racist/xenophobic statements and gestures, threats, refrain from throwing objects, invading the competition area, using pyrotechnics or lasers, damaging property;
- refrain from bringing and using prohibited items, including: any type of weapons (firearms, air guns, cold weapons, gas weapons, stun guns), explosive, flammable, or chemically hazardous substances, alcohol, drugs, and toxic substances, glass, metal, or heavy containers, as well as large items that could be used as weapons or pose a safety threat, flags, banners, or symbols containing extremist, discriminatory, or political slogans.

VI. SANCTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

6.1. Competent authority

All alleged violations of this Code are received and investigated by the Committee. Adjudication and disciplinary sanctions are decided exclusively by the independent Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the IAAA Disciplinary Code and Procedural Rules.

Field-of-play protests are handled under Judging/Technical Protest Procedures. Anti-doping matters follow the Anti-Doping policy and results management.

6.2. Types of Sanctions

Depending on the nature and severity of the violation, following sanctions may be imposed:

- verbal warning;
- official reprimand;
- requirement to issue a public apology;
- fines;
- temporary suspension from participation in IAAA activities;
- withdrawal of financial support;
- annulment of results, rankings, or awards;
- suspension or termination of license, accreditation or position;
- mandatory education;
- removal from elected or appointed office;
- expulsion from IAAA.

6.3. Publication

Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee may be published (party name, rule violated, sanction, brief reasons), subject to redactions necessary to protect minors, whistleblowers, and sensitive medical data, in line with the Data Protection Policy.



VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

7.1. The Code is approved by the General Assembly and enters into force on the date of its publication on the Association's website.

7.2. The Code is subject to review at least once every four (4) years or as necessary.

7.3. The English text shall be the official and legally binding version.

