



Athletes' Code of Conduct

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1. Introduction

1.1 Athletes (Students) that are members of the British Shuai Jiao Union (BSJU) are required to adhere to the BSJU's Athletes' Code of Conduct (the Code) which is intended to provide standards of professional conduct for Athletes in the United Kingdom and where they may represent Team GB. This Code is also applicable to athletes from associated Chinese martial arts organisations, aspiring towards Team GB selection.

1.2 Membership of Team GB and competing internationally is an honour. It is a distinction that few achieve and an accomplishment recognised worldwide. It is in that context that athletes are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this Code.

2. Code of Conduct for Team GB Members

2.1 As a member of the BSJU and/or Team GB all athletes are required to conduct themselves appropriately and in accordance with this Code.

2.2 Appropriate Conduct by Athletes as British Team Members

2.2.1 Athletes should agree in writing, by signing the Code of Conduct Declaration, to abide by the Athletes' Code of Conduct for Team GB members, as determined by the ICMA.

2.2.2 Athletes should be eligible to compete under the rules provided by the International Governing Bodies and should abide by these rules at all times, including, for example required attendance for activities relating to the individual or the team.

2.2.3 Athletes should maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit their performance to be to the maximum of their ability.

2.2.4 Athletes should be aware that the ICMA has arranged for the purchase and use of the Team GB uniform for each athlete and official. In recognition of this fact, athletes and official should wear the designated team uniform:

- On the journey to and from the country hosting the international event;

- At official tournament functions and events, including the Opening, Closing and Awards ceremonies; and
- At media or publicity events (including Press Conferences).

2.2.5 Athletes should act in a manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and reasonable conduct.

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2.2.6 Athletes should respect the property of others whether personal or public.

2.2.7 Athletes should be in possession of a valid British passport; an EU member state passport or identity card; or a non EU passport with an appropriate visa. The Athletes' passport or identity card should not expire during the tournament.

2.2.8 Athletes will remember that at all times they are an ambassador for the Chinese martial arts, and for Great Britain before, after and during the tournament.

2.3 Inappropriate Conduct by Athletes as British Team Members

2.3.1 Athletes should not engage in any conduct that is criminal under the laws of the host country or under British law.

2.3.2 Athletes should not leave the vicinity of the tournament hotel or venue without prior permission from the Team Leader or Coaching Staff.

2.3.3 Athletes should not commit doping violations as defined by the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code and confirmed by the Institute for Chinese Martial Arts.

2.3.4 Athletes should comply with the guidelines for conduct attached at Annex 1.

2.4 Required Medical Checks

2.4.1 All Athletes should submit to a medical check to ensure that they are fit to compete for their appropriate discipline.

2.4.2 Medical checks can be conducted by either the Athletes own doctor or the ICMA appointed doctor. Proof of the medical check is required to enable the Athlete to compete.

2.5 Travel Insurance and Medical Cover

2.5.1 Athletes are advised to obtain appropriate travel insurance to cover themselves and their property to, from and during their stay.

2.5.2 For Tournaments held in European Union member states, athletes should obtain the appropriate European Healthcare Insurance card through the NHS.

2.6 Proof of Identity

2.6.1 Athletes should provide 3 recent colour passport size photographs. These will be used for the Tournament application form, the athlete's identity card at the Tournament, and the ICMA records.

2.6.2 Athletes should also submit their passports for inspection and to be photocopied. The athlete passport photograph page will be photocopied, and sent to accompany Tournament documentation, to act as proof of identity and age.

3. Reporting Violations

3.1 If an apparent violation is reported it will be investigated by an appointed committee of the ICMA. Such action might include referral to the ICMA Executive Board or National Governing Body (NGB).

3.2 Co-operating with the ICMA Executive Committee

3.2.1 Athletes are required to cooperate in investigations, proceedings, and resulting requirements of the ICMA and any NGB to which they belong. Failure to cooperate is itself a violation of this Code.

3.3 Improper Complaints

3.3.1 Athletes and officials do not file or encourage the filing of ethics complaints that are frivolous and are intended to harm the respondent rather than to protect the Team.

3.4 Process Relating to Violation of Code

3.4.1 The athlete acknowledges that this Code is administered under the authority of the ICMA and that a violation of this Code subjects the coach to the processes of the ICMA, NGB or other such organisation required to be provided in the event of disciplinary action.

3.4.2 In the event that a violation of the Code occurs during an authorised Training Center activity, the ICMA may take action in conjunction with the authorities, in order to protect its interests and those of athletes, coaches and others at the location.

3.4.3 In the event that an athlete is found to have violated the Code, such action is separate and apart from any other legal consequences which may occur as a result of the act.