

# **JUDO BC CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **FOR CLUB INSTRUCTORS, COACHES AND HEAD SENSEI\***

The Club Instructor/judo practitioner relationship is a privileged one. Club instructors play a critical role in the personal and athletic development of the judoka they come in contact with. This code of conduct establishes the boundaries and guidelines for all individuals instructing at any Judo BC member club.

This code adopts and accepts all the language contained in the BC Universal Code of Conduct.

By assuming the role of an instructor/coach or head sensei at a member club, you are agreeing to abide by the code, whether you have signed this code or not.

### **Instructors at Judo BC member clubs shall strive to:**

- Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Maintain a positive atmosphere and safe environment.
- Treat judo participants, students, parents, spectators, volunteers, referees, and coaches with due respect and refrain from public criticism of them. When comment is necessary, direct the comments or criticism at performance rather than the individual. This includes not intimidating or permitting the intimidation of any individual, by word or action.
- Regularly seek ways of increasing your skills.
- In the case of minors, communicate and co-operate with the athletes' parents or legal guardians, involving them in management decisions pertaining to their child's development.
- Uphold and abide by the rules of judo and the spirit of such rules (including IJF rules, particular event rules and the principles of judo) and actively encourage your students to act accordingly.
- Support and uphold the policies, guiding principles, constitution and by-laws of Judo BC and the Judo BC member club.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language in the conduct of your duties and refrain from verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse.
- Handle all conflict firmly and with dignity.
- Discourage the abuse of alcoholic beverages, by personal example while acting in official capacity. Discourage the use of alcohol in conjunction with athletic events. Reason and common sense should always be applied in regards to alcohol consumption, in particular while in the presence of minors.
- Never advocate or condone the use of illicit drugs or banned performance enhancing substances.
- Make the safety and well being of your athletes a priority. Ensure that training, practice, clinic, and tournament environments are safe and educate athletes as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- Ensure that the activities undertaken are suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of your participants.
- Communicate and co-operate with registered medical practitioners in the diagnosis, treatment and management of athletes' medical and psychological problems. Consider the athletes' future health and well being foremost when making decisions regarding an injured participant's ability to continue play or training.
- Recognize and accept when to refer participants to other coaches, instructors or sport specialists.

An individual who violates this code and/or the BC Universal Code of Conduct may be subject to sanctions pursuant to the Judo BC Discipline and Complaints Policy.

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**Name**

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**Club**

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**Signed**

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**Date**

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**\* To be retained in club files and be available upon request to Judo BC.**