

Code of Conduct Athlete / Non-Athlete

Outlined below is the RGV Golden Gloves Code of Conduct. I understand that my compliance with the Code is a requirement for my participation in RGV Golden Gloves events. I recognize that my participation in this event is an honor and privilege. I also recognize that this Code does not establish a complete set of rules that prescribes every aspect of appropriate behavior. Further, I WILL:

1. act in a manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
2. recognize, respect and adhere to the authority of Golden Glove appointed coaches, managers, officials, and team leaders;
3. attend all team functions, to include meetings, practices, press conferences, competitions, etc. unless excused or otherwise instructed by the team leader or Golden Glove's designee;
4. comply with Golden Gloves uniform requirements;
5. be within 5 pounds of my competition weight;
6. adhere to all curfews established by the team leader or Golden Glove's designee;
7. maintain an appropriate level of fitness to promote optimal athletic performance;
8. make every effort to perform to the best of my abilities;
9. refrain from the use of performance-limiting drugs, including, but not limited to, tobacco and alcohol;
10. refrain from using any substance on the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code or Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA) banned substance list, as enforced by WADA and USADA, and will abide by the drug testing procedures of USADA, and WADA.
11. abide by the policies and rules established by Golden Gloves, USA Boxing, AIBA, and the United States Olympic Committee;
12. respect others, including my teammates, coaches, competitors, officials, and spectators;
13. abstain from engaging in, or tolerating, any form of verbal, physical, or sexual abuse;
14. respect the property of others;
15. refrain from profanity and derogatory language that would reflect negatively on myself or Golden Gloves;
16. refrain from illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of myself or Golden Gloves;
17. refrain from engaging in any behavior that could detract from my ability, or my teammates' ability to perform optimally;
18. maintain a positive attitude and act in a way that will bring honor to myself, the team, Golden Gloves, and the United States;
19. limit socialization with those of the opposite sex to public areas, except immediate family members or as approved by the team leader;
20. remember that I am an ambassador for Golden Gloves, USA Boxing, and the Olympic movement.

Any member present during any violation of the Code of Conduct should leave the area immediately or be considered a participant by choice.

Disciplinary Procedures and Penalties

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the penalties outlined in this agreement or in USA Boxing's Constitution and By-laws.

Penalties could include:

1. Immediate dismissal from team and return home at athlete's expense.
2. Withholding of a portion or all of any stipend(s) received from USA Boxing, Golden Gloves, etc.
3. Suspension from USA Boxing activities for a specified period.
4. Temporary or permanent termination of USA Boxing membership.

Following any disciplinary action by USA Boxing/Golden Gloves, the disciplined member has the right to a hearing by the Judicial Committee, if requested in writing with the statute of limitations, and submitted with the filing fee. Violations requiring immediate action will be handled in accordance with USA Boxing's Constitution and By-laws. Any appeal taken for disciplinary action rendered in an emergency hearing shall be in accordance with USA Boxing's Constitution and By-laws.

Acceptance

I pledge to uphold the spirit of this Code, which offers a general guide to my conduct as a participant in a Golden Gloves/USA Boxing event. I agree to follow the USA Boxing/Golden Gloves Grievance Procedures, if I am charged with violation of the Code. I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that my acceptance of it, as signified by my signature below, is a condition of my participation in this Golden Gloves /USA Boxing event.

Participant Name (**Printed**)

Participant Name (**Signature**)

Date

Witness (**Print**)

Witness (**Signature**)