



CODE OF ETHICS

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Code of Ethics of the International Judo Federation

1. INTRODUCTION

Judo, an Olympic sport since 1964, was created in 1882 by Jigoro Kano as a martial arts discipline with its principle objectives being the physical and intellectual education of Men and Women.

In compliance with the major principles which have led to the creation of Judo, the International Judo Federation has established a Code of Ethics adapted to everyone involved in judo. This Code of Ethics reflects the major principles of the Code of Ethics of the IOC, which serves as a reference and must be respected.

Therefore, the IJF, its Members, and everyone involved in organizing an IJF event are required to apply these educational values and this code of behavior and to ensure that the Code of Ethics is adhered to in all fields, places and circumstances (competition venue, training venue, media platforms, etc.).

2. IOC CODE OF ETHICS

« ...DIGNITY

Safeguarding the dignity of the individual is a fundamental requirement of the Olympism.

There shall be no discrimination between the participants on the basis of race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, philosophical or political opinion, marital status or other grounds.

All doping practices at all levels are strictly prohibited. The provisions against doping in the World Anti-Doping Code shall be scrupulously observed.

All forms of harassment of participants be it physical, professional, religious, political, hierarchical or sexual, and any physical or mental injury to participants are prohibited.

All forms of participation in, or support for, all forms of promotion of betting related to sport in general and **more specifically to the Olympic Games** are prohibited and must not, by any manner whatsoever, infringe upon the principle of fair play, show non-sporting conduct, or attempt to influence the result of a competition in a manner contrary to sporting ethics...»

All the IJF Managers and Officials, its continental, national and other member bodies undertake to respect the provisions of the Olympic charter and the Code of Ethics of the IOC and the IJF. (Wherever the term «Olympic Parties» is used, it refers to the IJF and its structures and the Olympic bodies).

3. COMPETITORS

The competitors, and especially the Champions, are the face of judo; they must convey, through their behavior, the educational values and the ethics of our discipline.

The champions on and off the mat represent the image of judo.

RESPECT FOR THE FIGHT CEREMONY

The ceremony of the bow was formalized by the IJF Education Commission. It must be scrupulously observed.

The bows and particularly the bow to the opponent at the beginning of the fight must be respected rigorously and it is prohibited to use bows or ceremonies from other combat sports or disciplines.

It is, of course permissible to congratulate the opponent at the end of the fight or apologize for an awkward gesture.

RESPECT FOR THE RULES

- The rules of the sport, and its anti-doping and betting regulations must be scrupulously respected.



RESPECT FOR PEOPLE AND THE FACILITIES

- At all times opponents, coaches, referees, organizers, guests, the media, and the public must be spoken to calmly and with respect, without making aggressive or obscene gestures.
- The anti-doping code and sport betting regulations must be adhered to.
- Both victory and defeat must be accepted by exercising self-control and without showing any ostentatious behavior.
- Exercise self-control and remain disciplined in all circumstances.
- Do not abuse any equipment and ensure all facilities, hotels and other places put at your disposition are respected.
- Judokas represent the sport of Judo and the national teams of their countries.

RESPECT FOR THE INSTRUCTIONS AND THE PROTOCOL

- Respect the competition regulations and the instructions of the organizers and in particular the schedules and different protocols.
- Be respectful and always control one's attitudes and feelings during awards ceremonies and any other functions.

RESPECT FOR HYGIENE

- Physical appearance and cleanliness are important. Guard against any contagion. Appear with a clean judogi in accordance with the IJF regulations. Wear shoes at all times off the mat and never go on either the competition mat or the warm-up mat with shoes on.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

- Do not show any object, sign or religious gesture or movement of any ostentatious form before, during or after the fight or during the formal ceremonies.

RESPECT FOR DECISIONS

- Respect the referees' decision, without complaint, both during and after the competition.
- NEVER VOLUNTARILY LOSE A FIGHT and always inform the IJF of any gift offered to fix a fight.

4. COACHES AND THEIR TEAMS

EXERCISE FAIR PLAY

- Respect the opponent, his/her coach, the members of his/her team, the referees, any persons involved in the organization, the guests, the media, and the public.
- Comply with the rules of fair play and always exercise exemplary manners.

RESPECT FOR THE RULES

- Respect the Code of Ethics, the IJF statutes and regulations, and the sport organization regulations, anti-doping and betting rules, follow the instructions of the organizers and in particular the schedules and protocols.
- Observe the role of the coaches without exceeding it.
- Only gifts of very small value may be offered or accepted, as a token of appreciation or friendship by the Olympic parties or the IJF, in compliance with local custom. Any other gift must be handed by the beneficiary to the organization to which he/she belongs.
- Hospitality towards the members and staff of the Olympic parties and anyone accompanying them must not exceed the norms of the host country.
- Respect the regulations regarding any conflicts of interest.
- Follow scrupulously the rules and instructions of the IOC on sports betting.
- Respect the impartiality and defend the integrity of the refereeing body.



RESPECT FOR ETIQUETTE

- Follow and respect the dress code required for each of the different phases of the competition and the events relating to it.
- Remain modest in victory and accept defeat with dignity. Exercise self-control and discipline: do not show anger or frustration – control one's feelings.
- Respect the decision of the referees, without complaint both during and after the fight.
- Always behave in a dignified and respectful manner.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

- Do not show any object, sign, religious gesture or movement of any ostentatious nature before, during or after the fight or during any official ceremonies.
- Do not show disrespect to others by making any uncontrolled gestures or through any other actions not in compliance with the current rules in the spirit of Judo before, during or after a fight.
- Do not be physically or verbally abusive either in competition and/or in training, towards any judoka or any other person.

RESPECT FOR THE FACILITIES

- Look after all equipment and respect the facilities in all allocated areas and spaces, including hotels and other accommodations.
- Judokas are expected wherever they are to represent their sport and discipline and the national teams of their countries.

5. REFEREES

RESPECT FOR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Respect the IJF's Code of Ethics, statutes and regulations, as well as the competition organizers' regulations. Always respect the instructions of the organizers and in particular the schedules.
- Follow the duties and tasks within the referees' areas of responsibilities without exceeding them. Respect the referees' code of ethics.
- Only gifts of very small value may be offered or accepted, as a token of appreciation or friendship by the Olympic parties or the IJF, in compliance with local custom. Any other gift must be handed in by the beneficiary to the organization to which he/she belongs.
- Hospitality towards members and staff of the Olympic parties and anyone accompanying them must not exceed the norms of the host country.
- Respect the regulations regarding conflicts of interest.
- Respect scrupulously the rules and instructions of the IOC on sports betting. Respect the impartiality and defend the integrity of the refereeing body.
- Referees who have been selected for World Championships or the Olympic Games may only officiate in countries other than their own with the agreement of the President of the IJF. Failure to do so will result in deselection.

RESPECT FOR ETIQUETTE

- Wear the correct uniform and follow the dress code.
- Exercise self-control, courtesy and good manners both on and off the mat, in all circumstances, whatever the environment by controlling one's attitudes and emotions.
- Reserve your judgment about the refereeing decisions taken during the competition.
- Avoid making any statements during the competition, except if requested or authorized by the IJF.



6. MANAGERS

RESPECT FOR THE RULES

- The managers of the IJF, the Continental Unions and the member federations are the legal representatives of world judo and in this capacity, should behave accordingly.
- Respect the Code of Ethics, the IJF statutes and regulations, the role of the manager without exceeding it.
- Only gifts of very small value may be offered or accepted, as a token of appreciation or friendship by the Olympic parties or the IJF, in compliance with local custom. Any other gift will be handed by the beneficiary to the organization to which he/she belongs.
- Hospitality towards the members and staff of the Olympic parties as well as the persons who accompany them must not exceed the norms of the host country.
- The parties will respect the regulations regarding conflicts of interest and will participate in the prevention of conflicts of interest, particularly by declaring all interests that they hold (financial ties, shareholding, management, work contract, etc.) in a structure (company, associations, foundation, etc.) that has signed an agreement, in particular a commercial agreement, with the IJF.
- A conflict of interest is any interfering situation of a nature that may influence or appear to influence the independent, impartial and objective exercise of a position.
- Respect scrupulously the rules and instructions of the IOC on sports betting.

RESPECT FOR ETIQUETTE

- Follow the dress code appropriate to the events.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS

- Do not show any object, sign, religious gesture or movement or any ostentatious form before, during or after the fight or during the official ceremonies.
- Do not be disrespectful by making any uncontrolled gesture or through any other action not in compliance with the current rules in the spirit of judo before, during or after the fight.
- Do not be violent, either physically or verbally towards competitors or any other person.

RESPECT FOR RESOURCES

- Manage in full transparency the resources put at the disposal of the managers by the sports and private bodies and account for their use.

7. BREACHES TO THE CODE OF ETHICS

- If there is proof of a breach to the Code of Ethics, depending on the seriousness of the established facts, a verbal warning is given or, if necessary, a written report is forwarded to the IJF General Secretary in the week following the incident.
- The written report must be explicit and record accurately the facts of the incident naming the involved persons, quote the testimonies and specify the addresses and telephone numbers of the witnesses who can contribute to a better understanding of the incident. The report must be written in one of the three-official languages of the IJF. An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the concerned party.
- Depending on the nature and gravity of the facts, the IJF General Secretary, in agreement with the IJF President, may:
 - o Directly take the necessary measures to stop the failure to uphold the Ethics Code and the integrity of the sport and of the IJF,
 - o Bring the matter to the IJF Ethics Committee,
 - o Bring the matter to the IJF Disciplinary Commission,
 - o Bring the matter to external authorities with jurisdiction (e.g. police, Interpol, courts).

In any case, the General Secretary and the President shall inform the IJF Executive Committee of their actions.