



CODE OF CONDUCT - ATHLETE			
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## 1. APPLICATION

This Policy applies to **Athlete Members** of Athletics Ontario (AO) and their conduct at any AO activities, programs or events and includes conduct in activities in any way related to AO and/or its members.

## 2. POLICY

### (a) As a member of Athletics Ontario an Athlete must:

- 1) Not knowingly place themselves in a situation that could give rise to a conflict between personal interests and the interests of AO;
- 2) Comply at all times with the bylaws, policies, rules and regulations of the IAAF, Athletics Canada and Athletics Ontario, as adopted and amended from time to time, including complying with any contracts or agreements executed with or by AO;
- 3) Participate in a spirit of fair play and honesty;
- 4) Abide by the laws of the jurisdiction of the province or country in which the event is taking place;
- 5) Refrain from using alcohol and tobacco products during AO training sessions or competitive events;
- 6) Be courteous and respectful to other members of the athletic community;
- 7) Refrain from the use of profane, insulting or offensive language;
- 8) Refrain from public criticism of other members of the athletics community;
- 9) Respect the dignity of others;
- 10) Display an active support of Athletics Ontario;
- 11) Act in a manner that will bring credit to the athletics community and themselves;
- 12) Abide by the Athletics Canada - Member Conduct Policy – Expected Standard of Ethical Conduct: <http://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Policy-on-Member-Conduct.doc-Nov.-2014.pdf>

### (b) All Provincial Team Athletes of ATHLETICS ONTARIO must also:

- 1) Conduct themselves in a positive and supportive manner;
- 2) Follow the rules of the Organizing Committee of the competition/activity;
- 3) Join the team, ready, able and willing to take on the responsibilities and duties relative to the position selected to;
- 4) Work cooperatively with all members of the AO Team and also with the personal coaches of the athletes with respect in particular to their pre-competition preparation;
- 5) Follow the rules set out by the team staff with respect to curfew, quiet times, etc.;
- 6) Join the Team, fit, ready, able and willing to compete in the events selected to unless (in the case of events) otherwise agreed to by the Head Coach in consultation with the Event Coach and the athlete concerned;

- 7) Wear, if provided, the AO Team uniform/clothing whenever competing or practicing during the event;
- 8) Travel in the AO Team Travel Uniform if such is provided, or otherwise shall be comfortably and respectably attired for traveling;
- 9) Meet at the team assembly points on time and attend all team meetings;
- 10) Not consume alcohol if under age in the jurisdiction of the activity;
- 11) Not consume illegal drugs;
- 12) Refrain from using tobacco products within the competition area;
- 13) Not enter the competition or practice area or a team meeting under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs.

**(c) Compliance**

By registering with Athletics Ontario as a club or individual you agree to abide by all AO's rules, policies, and procedures.

Parents, by registering your child, you also agree to abide by AO rules, policies and procedures.

**(d) Non Compliance, Complaints or Disputes and Appeals**

Any decisions rendered under this policy will be dealt with using one (or a combination) of the following processes outlined in the Athletics Ontario Dispute Resolution Policy, Harassment Policy or Discipline Policy.

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