

# **ATHLETICS OMNIBUS – A CODE OF CONDUCT IN ATHLETICS**

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## **1. CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **1.1. TERMINOLOGY**

- 1.1.1. **ATHLETICS OFFICIAL:** An inclusive term for all Officials in the Athletics Structure that has the powers to influence other peoples lives, e.g. Athletics Executive Members, Commission members, Committee members, Club Executives, Coaches and Technical Officials.
- 1.1.2. **ATHLETICS MEMBER:** An inclusive term for all affiliated, associated or registered Members of ATHLETICS, e.g. Athletes, Coaches, Technical Officials and Administrators.

### **1.2. AGREEMENT**

As an active Member of Athletics, I agree and undertake the following;

- 1.2.1. To remain loyal to Athletics and agrees to abide by its rules and regulations.
- 1.2.2. To diligently, faithfully and honestly serve Athletics and use his / her best endeavours to promote the sport and the good name and reputation of Athletics.
- 1.2.3. To be affiliated to a recognized athletics structure and to be subject to, and abide by their athletics Code of Ethics.
- 1.2.4. Not to make any public statement without the prior consent of your recognized athletics structure.
- 1.2.5. Not to make any statement to the media (which shall include the press, television and radio), or any other public statement which would bring athletics, or their official sponsors / partners into disrepute.
- 1.2.6. Not to make any statement which is critical of Athletics or its affiliated members, officials, athletes and in particular to any event organised by an Athletics Member.
- 1.2.7. Under Clause 2.4 – 2.6, the word statement shall mean and include the writing of any article, book, pamphlet, commentary, or any other writing which is published; public speaking, broadcasting, and granting of interviews for use on television, radio and / or films.
- 1.2.8. To address all complaints, observations or requests which he / she may have observed, or which may arise from the implementation of this agreement, through athletics.
- 1.2.9. The provisions in this agreement shall be binding on the Athletics Member not only, before and during his / her Membership, but also for a period of six (6) months thereafter.

### **1.3. BREACH OF AGREEMENT BY THE ATHLETICS MEMBER**

- 1.3.1. Should the ATHLETICS MEMBER commit any illegal and /or become involved in any incident which brings himself/herself, ATHLETICS or the sport into disrepute, or which in the recognized athletics structure's sole opinion reflects unfavourably (including but not limited to the use or distribution of any illegal or prohibited drugs), then the recognized athletics structure, shall have the right to terminate this agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to the Athletics Member, or request that this matter be brought before an Athletics Disciplinary Tribunal.
- 1.3.2. Should the ATHLETICS MEMBER commit a breach of any term or condition of this Code of Conduct, or fail to comply with any direction given by the recognized athletics structure, or fail to abide by the Code of Ethics for the Athletics Member and/or the Rules and Regulations of the recognized athletics structure, the recognized athletics structure shall have the right to:
  - 1.3.2.1. cancel this agreement, and/or
  - 1.3.2.2. claim any funds already paid to the Athletics Member and/or
  - 1.3.2.3. impose a penalty and/or a monetary fine on the Athletics Member, and/or
  - 1.3.2.4. suspend the Athletics Member pending a Disciplinary Tribunal outcome.
- 1.3.3. The recognized athletics structure's duly authorised representative shall have the discretion and right to impose any or all the steps set out under this clause and his / her decision shall be binding until ratified or overruled by athletics.