



UTSNZ CODE OF CONDUCT

All UTSNZ member universities, tertiary institutions and students participating in UTSNZ events are bound to abide by this Code of Conduct.

This Code is established to ensure that the highest possible standard of inter tertiary competition occurs during UTSNZ events and forms part of UTSNZ's overall Integrity Framework.

It is important to note that this Code applies in addition to any other Code of a participant's university, tertiary institution and/or the national sporting organisation managing the event.

Who does the Code Apply to?

This Code applies to:

- a) all persons competing in the event
- b) spectators at the event
- c) all persons officially appointed to any team or individual competing in the event, such as coaches, managers, officials, volunteers, interns and health professionals

When does this Code Apply?

The Code applies from commencement of the event on day one to the conclusion of organised activities on the last day including:

- a) during games and competitions in the event
- b) all official and unofficial functions of, or associated with, the event.

Expectations of Conduct

1. At all times, any person above associated with tertiary sport will act in accordance with the principles of fair play as outlined in Clauses 1.1 – 1.3 to ensure that students can participate in a competitive, positive and safe environment.

1.1 Players will;

- a) Play to the best of their ability and in the spirit of the game.
- b) Play within the rules of the game.
- c) Show respect to other players - both team mates & opponents.
- d) Accept officials' decisions without gesture or argument.
- e) Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- f) Support the coaches and their requests of them.
- g) Thank and acknowledge the coach, officials and opponents.

1.2 Coaches and Managers will;

- a) Set affirmative and appropriate guidelines and behavioural standards for themselves and their athletes on and off the playing arena.

- b) Encourage and ensure players play to the best of their ability and in the spirit of the competition.
- c) Assume responsibility for their players' conduct both on and off the playing arena.
- d) Treat all players, including the opposition, with dignity and respect and demonstrate positive examples of sportsmanship at all times.
- e) Respect and accept the judgement and decisions of officials without remonstrance.
- f) Abide by the rules of the sport's national governing body where required.

1.3 Parents and Spectators will:

- a) Positively encourage and support the efforts of all players.
- b) Refrain from any criticism or abuse directed at coaches or officials.
- c) Put an emphasis on genuine effort ahead of victory and encourage players to accept the outcomes of all games, irrespective of the result.
- d) Recognise good play by either team and never ridicule an individual player in either team.
- e) Display self-control on the side-line.

Anti-Doping

All sporting participants have the right to compete in Clean Sport.

UTSNZ supports the mission of Drugfree Sport NZ and WADA in achieving Clean Sport.

UTSNZ adopts the Drugfree Sport New Zealand and World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) position that cheating, including doping, in sport is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport, undermining the otherwise positive impact of sport on society.

To this end, UTSNZ commits to support Clean Sport in the following ways:

- a) All athletes are expected to play and train and compete in line with the spirit of sport, including the anti-doping rules.
- b) All coaches and athlete support personnel are expected to perform their role in line with the spirit of sport, including the anti-doping rules.
- c) UTSNZ is committed to supporting the prevention of doping behaviour in NZ in collaboration with other sporting bodies.
- d) Employed and associated staff will not condone, assist or in any way support the use of prohibited substances and methods (unless permitted by a Therapeutic Use Exemption) in any aspects of their work.
- e) All employed and associated staff will be expected to contact Drugfree Sport NZ should they become aware of an athlete or NSO member using or considering the usage of a prohibited substance or prohibited method. This contact should be done in confidence on the dedicated 0800DRUGFREE (378437) line.
- f) UTSNZ is committed to Clean Sport UTSNZ and undertakes to work with Drugfree Sport NZ to deliver anti-doping education to New Zealand team members competing at World University Games and World University Championships.
- g) UTSNZ will uphold any sanctions placed upon an athlete by Drugfree Sport NZ or other associated body in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

Further details about Drugfree Sport NZ and WADA can be found at; <http://drugfreesport.org.nz/> & <https://www.wada-ama.org/>

Alcohol, Smoking and Vaping

The consumption of alcohol must be done with a responsible attitude. The consumption of alcohol in excess can lead to anti-social behaviour and in some extreme and well documented cases, death.

There may be no forced consumption of alcohol or any other forced activity at any time.

Note, athletes and all those involved in UTSNZ events should carefully check the alcohol policies of their university, tertiary institution and the national sporting body delivering the event. If any include an alcohol-free policy, then that policy must be adhered to in the first instance.

All UTSNZ events are smoke and vape-free.

Misconduct

Any person who does, or is involved in, any of the following types of behaviour shall be in breach of the Code:

- a) consuming alcohol unless in an approved area, in line with relevant liquor licensing regulations and in line with all relevant policies (UTSNZ, member organisation, host or sporting organisation).
- b) being unduly intoxicated at any event venue or official and unofficial social functions of, or associated with, the event.
- c) using any illegal drug during the event and breaching the Drug Free Sport NZ policy
- d) failing to comply with a reasonable direction of an event official
- e) harassing any other person
- f) violence, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language
- g) the throwing of missiles, bottles or potentially harmful objects at, onto or adjacent to the playing area and/or its players
- h) the printing or publishing of material that will bring the university, the club, team or an individual into disrepute.
- i) acting in an unlawful manner
- j) acting in any other manner which brings the event, UTSNZ, and/or the Hosts including any employee, official or agent of such organisations) into disrepute

Sanctions for breaches in the agreed Code of Conduct could include any of the following:

- a) Written warnings, with or without conditions including periods of prescribed supervision, on involvement in future UTSNZ events and activities.
- b) Permanent or temporary exclusion of an individual from UTSNZ events and activities.
- c) Temporary exclusion of a tertiary institution or team from UTSNZ events and activities.
- d) Loss of titles and awards for specific events.
- e) Fines.
- f) Prevention from graduating.

Sanctions will be determined by UTSNZ and associated Event Organisers in conjunction with the rules of the sport.

Breaches of this, or any rules/policies referred to in UTSNZ's own Code of Conduct will be acted upon accordingly.

Should there be a breach any of this Code of Conduct participants can submit a formal complaint via email to info@utsnz.co.nz. Alternatively, independent support can be accessed via the [Sport and Recreation Complaints and Mediation Service](#).

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