



Government of **Western Australia**
Combat Sports Commission



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CONTESTANTS AND INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS



PREPARE WELL
PERFORM BETTER



CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct outlines the standard of behaviour required by all Contestants and Industry Participants. Compliance with this Code of Conduct is a condition of registration and a breach may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or cancellation of registration.

1.0 Respect

- 1.1** Follow and respect the principles of combat sports and abide by the rules of the sport.
- 1.2** Treat everyone with courtesy, respect and dignity.
- 1.3** Respect the decisions of officials and the Combat Sports Commission (CSC).
- 1.4** Do not behave in a manner that brings yourself, combat sports, the industry, or the CSC into disrepute.
- 1.5** Do not engage in derogatory, humiliating, intimidating, violent or offensive conduct, whether in person or online, including the use of insulting language, symbols, images, gestures or actions that demean or offend others.

2.0 Health and safety

- 2.1** Always put health and safety first and follow medical advice, concussion protocols and medical suspensions (for both sparring and competition).
- 2.2** Do not attempt, or assist another person, to make weight through excessive and deliberate dehydration or any other unsafe means of rapid weight loss.
- 2.3** Do not promote, depict, or encourage rapid weight loss or rapid weight loss techniques, including at weigh-ins or through event-related promotional or social media material.
- 2.4** Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment and prioritise the physical and psychological safety of yourself and others.

3.0 Integrity

- 3.1** Do not use, administer or encourage the use of illegal drugs or any substance or method prohibited by the World Anti-Doping Agency unless you have a Therapeutic Use Exemption.



- 3.2** Never engage in unethical contest practices such as match-fixing or attempt to manipulate the outcome of a bout.
- 3.3** Do not bet on any bout that you participate in as either a contestant or an industry participant and do not organise or engage in any illegal gambling.
- 3.4** Do not participate in a contest which has not been issued a permit, or has been suspended or cancelled, by the CSC.
- 3.5** If in a position of authority or power (such as an official or promoter), act responsibly, maintain appropriate professional boundaries and mitigate any perceived or real conflicts of interest.

4.0 Fairness

- 4.1** Be considerate, reasonable and honest at all times and mindful of your social media presence and its impact on others.
- 4.2** Treat people fairly and do not discriminate against a person's age, disability, gender, ethnic background, heritage, religion, race, creed or sexual orientation.
- 4.3** Act within the rules and spirit of combat sports, including fair matchmaking, appropriate weight class selection, judging or officiating without bias and displaying positive sporting behaviour towards an opponent.

5.0 Expected behaviours

- 5.1** Abide by the *Combat Sports Act 1987*, *Combat Sports Regulations 2004*, approved contest rules, conditions of registration and all applicable Australian laws.
- 5.2** Comply with any lawful and reasonable direction given by a CSC appointee, the promoter, an official, medical practitioner, doping control officer or chaperone and do not provide false or misleading information.
- 5.3** Advise the CSC of any changes to your contact details, contest record, criminal record or medical status relating to your ability to participate in a combat sports contest.
- 5.4** Stay informed and up to date by reviewing any CSC communications, including notices, policies, guidelines, rules and educational content issued by the CSC.



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