

In order to ensure Fair Play in sport WAKO Europe, and protect the integrity of sport and kickboxers, the Board of Directors of WAKO Europe has adopted guidelines in order to inform, prevent and react towards unethical behaviours

POLICY OF INTEGRITY

- including match fixing, sports betting, manipulation –

Athlete and coach team statement for preventing a code of conduct to be sure of fair play and to be aware of personal responsibility, this public statement has the purpose to declare personal standpoint:

„I believe that the true essence of Kickboxing is to strive for personal achievement and excellence through full and honest effort and behavior. I am fully committed to participating in the sport of Kickboxing with integrity and to striving to win only by legitimate means. I pledge to learn, understand and adhere to both the written rules of Kickboxing and the accepted rules of fair play. I believe that mental and physical intimidations are harmful to sport, and I refuse to use such tactics in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage.

I understand that officials, teammates, and opponents are all integral to the sport of Kickboxing and worthy of my respect. It is my responsibility to maintain self-control at all times. I will accept officials' decisions without arguments; I will play aggressively but without hostility, and remain ethical and gracious in triumph or defeat.

Hereby I confirm that I will not engage or tolerate any type of match fixing or betting within my sport.

I hereby agreed in the following five fundamental principles of ethical participation and competition in the sport of Kickboxing:

1) Respect for others

- I agree to act with respect toward all those I come into contact with through. This means I will refrain from comments or behaviors which are abusive, offensive, racist, sexist or otherwise belittling or demeaning to others.
- I do not harass or tolerate harassment by others.
- I respect others as persons and treat them with dignity.
- I respect the privacy of others.
- I do not endanger the safety of others through my actions.

2) Respect for self

- I act with fairness and integrity in the pursuit of excellent sport.
- I practice drug-free Kickboxing and accept doping control.
- I avoid the abuse of alcohol and illegal drugs.

3) Respect for sport

- I strive for personal excellence in sport.
- I honor and respect the spirit and traditions of sport.
- I do not impede the preparation for competition of other competitor's teammates.
- I respect the decisions of judges and officials.
- I promote drug-free sport.

4) Respect for WAKO EUROPE

- I accept WAKO rules, policies and procedures governing events and Competitions in which I participate in. I comply with all reasonable requests of officials within WAKO and Kickboxing Accord.
- I accept that I am an ambassador for Kickboxing and WAKO EUROPE.
- I refrain from any action which might bring the Kickboxing or the WAKO EUROPE into disrepute.

5) Respect for property

- I respect the property and livelihood of others, which means refraining from vandalism, theft, and other forms of mischief.
- Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of WAKO EUROPE.
- I hereby agreed to abide by the above statement and to always play fair and treat my fellow athletes and officials with respect and integrity.“

Understanding of Match-fixing, Sports Betting, Manipulation

Match-fixing violates the pillar of Fair Play in sport and prevention of possible challenges never ends.

What is considered a match-fixing?

- a. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage participates or engages in betting or gambling related to his or her own sport event or competition.
- b. When an athlete or official fails to perform to the best of his or her abilities in exchange for a monetary incentive, gift or other compensation/reward.
- c. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage encourages, enables or instructs another party to bet or gamble on a sport event or competition to which he or she is personally connected.
- d. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage ensures that an incident, occurrence or event takes place, in exchange for which he or she expects to receive or has already received compensation/reward.

e. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage receives or provides any monetary incentive, gift or other compensation/reward in a context which can reasonably be expected to bring the athlete or the sport into disrepute.

f. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage uses any "Inside Information" for betting purposes, including disclosing "Inside Information" to any person (with or without reward) where the individual might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure could be used in relation to betting.

g. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage does not provide information to the competent IF or competition authority (without undue delay) regarding the full details of any approaches, invitations to engage in conduct, or incidents that would amount to a breach of the IF or competition rules related to betting.

h. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage does not cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the IF or competition authority, including failure to provide relevant information and/or requested documentation, including records relating to the alleged breach (such as itemised telephone bills, bank statements, internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices).

i. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage knowingly assists, covers up or is otherwise complicit in any acts previously described committed by another party. The individual shall be treated as having committed such acts himself and shall be liable accordingly.

j. When an athlete, official or member of the entourage induces, orders or supports any participant to commit any of the listed offences

ANY OFFICIAL, ATHLETE OR DIRECT PARTICIPANT IN THE KICKBOXING COMMUNITY FOUND TO BE COMMITTING THE RELATED OFFENSES FACES THE POSSIBILITY OF DISQUALIFICATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, LEGAL ACTION AND INVESTIGATION.

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