



The Code of Conduct shall serve as a guideline for how individuals are expected to behave when participating in USHA-sponsored or endorsed activities. Those individuals assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the USHA. Further, when those individuals participate in an event sponsored or endorsed by the USHA, they indicate by their registration in the event that they agree to represent themselves in a way that does not detract from the reputation of the USHA, and to act morally and display sportsmanlike behavior before, during and after any competition.

Guidelines of conduct include but are not limited to the examples outlined on this page.

Code of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches at USHA Juniors and Collegiate Events

Code of Conduct for All Players:

1. Players shall refrain from possessing or using drugs (except for medical purposes) while traveling, competing, socializing and/or using host facilities
2. Players shall refrain from consuming alcohol while traveling, competing or spectating.
3. Players shall refrain from excessive arguing with referees, tournament officials, coaches, or other players.
4. Players shall treat other players with respect.
5. Players shall adhere to the rules of the game, as stated in the USHA rulebook.
6. Players shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the host facility and hotels.
7. Players shall demonstrate good citizenship and good sportsmanship and shall exemplify the **spirit of handball** at all times.

Code of Conduct for All Parents:

1. Parents shall support players, coaches, tournament officials and referees in a positive manner.
2. Parents shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the host facility and hotels.
3. Parents shall refrain from arguing with players, coaches, other parents, tournament officials or referees.
4. Parents shall demonstrate good sportsmanship and exemplify the **spirit of handball**.

Code of Conduct for All Coaches:

1. Coaches shall support players in a positive manner.
2. Coaches shall refrain from using alcohol, tobacco or drugs while coaching.
3. Coaches shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the host facility and hotels.
4. Coaches shall refrain from arguing with players, other coaches, parents, tournament officials or referees.
5. Coaches shall adhere to the rules of the game, as stated in the USHA rule book.
6. Coaches shall treat participants, spectators and officials with fairness and respect.
7. Coaches shall ensure, as much as possible, safety of each player.
8. Coaches shall model good sportsmanship and exemplify the **spirit of handball**.

VIOLATION of the Code of Conduct may result in:

- Ejection from the game or match;
- Ejection from the tournament;
- Forfeiture of any individual or team awards;
- Ejection from the tournament if ejected from the tournament hotel(s);
- Forfeiture of all games or matches won and possible team elimination from current and future USHA-sponsored or -endorsed events.

JURISDICTION over violations of the Code of Conduct rests with the USHA Game Committee.

- For collegiate events, the USHA Collegiate Committee has the authority to appoint an On-site Infractions Committee before the start of the event which will make on-site decisions regarding violations of this Code of Conduct. Such decisions shall be reported to the USHA Game Committee.
- For all other events, the Tournament Director and/or USHA representative has the authority to make on-site decisions regarding violations of this Code of Conduct. Such decisions shall be reported to the USHA Game Committee.

SPIRIT OF HANDBALL

The spirit of handball refers to the respect, fairness, self-discipline and camaraderie required in our sport.

- **Respect** for the game and its rules. Respect for yourself and your opponent. Respect for the referee, the tournament officials and the spectators.
- **Fairness** and honesty in following the rules of the game and maintaining the highest level of integrity.
- **Self-discipline** to develop self-reliance and perseverance in learning the game and improving our skills; and in conditioning our bodies and minds.
- **Camaraderie** and appreciation of others in the pursuit of this difficult sport. The comradeship of those who play the game and experience its difficulty, strategy and competitiveness.