



## Code of conduct for players

TNZ recognises that the development of the player as a whole person is one of the fundamental goals of Taekwondo and this is achieved within the training environment and competition ring through the player and their coach's attitude and actions.

The behaviour and attitude of the player can reflect well or badly on Taekwondo and can also affect the development of others who may model their behaviour on the players.

The overarching principle is that Taekwondo training and competition should be a positive, fair, healthy and enjoyable experience for all involved.

Taekwondo New Zealand requires all players/athletes, when taking part in any event or activity held by or sanctioned by TNZ or a member organisation or individual club, to meet the following conduct requirements:

### Professionalism

- Exemplify honesty, integrity, fair play, and sportsmanship regardless of the impact that might have upon the outcome of the competition.
- Be professional in your relationships with other players, coaches, officials, administrators and the public and treat them with respect and dignity.
- Respect the skill, potential and development of fellow players.
- Players accept that they are role models, and maintain high personal behaviour standards at all times, including conducting themselves in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
- Accept and respect the role of officials in ensuring that competitions are conducted fairly and according to established rules.
- Know, accept and abide by rules, regulations and standards, both the letter and spirit of the rules, and spirit of Taekwondo.
- Do not engage in or tolerate acts of aggression.
- At all times avoid intimate relationships with your coach.
- Be responsible and accountable for your conduct.

### Training

- Co-operate with coaches and staff in development of programmes to adequately prepare you for competition.
- Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train fully within the programme requirements.
- Be honest with yourself and your coach regarding your attitude and preparation to training and competing.
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your programme.
- As a role model players should promote healthy lifestyles by their actions, including healthy eating behaviours and safe weight loss or gain, and avoiding performance enhancing drugs, unhealthy recreational drugs, and illegal drugs.

### Competing

- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the officials, make appeals through the formal process, and respect the final decision.
- Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of fellow players, coaches, officials and spectators.

## **Players relationship with officials**

TNZ will not tolerate players criticizing officials decisions by verbally abusing them or overly aggressive behaviour. This behaviour may lead to expulsion of the player and their coach from the event, or by other disciplinary action.

TNZ accepts that officials make inevitable, occasional mistakes. If an player has an issue with the refereeing, or think the referee was unfair, biased, unfit or incompetent, there is a process for their coach to lodge a protest. Their reactions will be taken seriously if they are presented objectively and formally.