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OKLAHOMA INTERSCHOLASTIC **BMX LEAGUE**

CODE OF CONDUCT

FOR VOLUNTEERS OF ANY CLUB SANCTIONED BY THE LEAGUE

Volunteer and/or Coach Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct applies to all volunteers or volunteer coaches serving under the Oklahoma Interscholastic League. By volunteering, you agree to uphold the standards below and represent the League with integrity both on and off the race track.

Athlete Safety and Well-Being

The top priority of every coach is the health, safety, and personal growth of athletes.

- 🌟 Always place the emotional and physical well-being of youth above winning or personal recognition.
- 🌟 Ensure all practices, races, and team activities are properly supervised and free from unnecessary risk.
- 🌟 Use age-appropriate drills and training methods that build skills without creating unsafe conditions.
- 🌟 Never tolerate or engage in bullying, hazing, harassment, or any form of verbal, emotional, or physical abuse.
- 🌟 Promptly report any concerns related to athlete safety or misconduct to program leadership.

Sportsmanship and Respect

Coaches set the tone for the behavior of athletes and families. Respect must always be demonstrated.

- 🌟 Treat all athletes, parents, track officials, spectators, and fellow coaches with fairness and dignity.
- 🌟 Teach players to honor the rules of BMX racing and to respect the authority of track officials.
- 🌟 Encourage athletes to compete with integrity, showing humility in victory and grace in defeat.

- 🌟 Use respectful communication at all times, even in disagreement, to model calm behavior for youth.
- 🌟 Create a culture of encouragement where mistakes are part of learning, and progress is recognized.

Professional Conduct

Even though the position is volunteer, coaches carry the authority and responsibility of leadership.

- 🌟 Be punctual and prepared for all practices, meetings, and race-day responsibilities.
- 🌟 Refrain from profanity, disrespectful language, or inappropriate humor.
- 🌟 Never use or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, vaping products, or illegal substances while coaching, supervising, or representing the league.
- 🌟 Conduct yourself with professionalism, remembering that parents, athletes, and community members look to you as an example of good character.

Boundaries and Communication

Clear and healthy boundaries protect both athletes and coaches.

- 🌟 Maintain appropriate adult–youth relationships, avoiding favoritism or overly personal involvement with individual athletes.
- 🌟 Communicate in a respectful, age-appropriate way that builds confidence and character.
- 🌟 Keep parents informed of team expectations, schedules, and athlete progress.
- 🌟 Use only official, approved channels for communication with athletes and families. Avoid private, one-on-one conversations with minors outside of these channels.
- 🌟 Respect the personal boundaries of families and never request personal favors from athletes or parents.

Conflicts of Interest

Decisions must always serve the good of the team and the program.

- 🌟 Avoid favoritism in practice, race opportunities, or recognition.
- 🌟 Make coaching decisions that promote fairness and equal opportunity for growth.

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- 🌸 Disclose any potential conflicts—personal, financial, or professional—that could affect your ability to act in the best interest of the program.
- 🌸 Refrain from using your position for personal gain or influence.

Social Media and Public Image

A coach's actions outside the track also reflect on the league.

- 🌸 Use social media responsibly, understanding that posts and comments can affect the reputation of the program.
- 🌸 Do not share private information about athletes, parents, or team business.
- 🌸 Avoid engaging in online arguments, negative commentary, or inappropriate humor connected to the program.
- 🌸 Share positive, uplifting messages that celebrate athletes and promote the values of the sport.
- 🌸 Conduct yourself in public settings in ways that demonstrate integrity and reinforce trust in the program.

Activities That Negatively Impact the Program

Coaches are accountable for their actions both inside and outside the league.

- 🌸 Do not engage in criminal behavior, dishonesty, or any activity that may call your judgment into question.
- 🌸 Refrain from behavior that could bring embarrassment to the program, including public intoxication, aggression, or inappropriate conduct.
- 🌸 Understand that your personal reputation reflects on the league; activities that undermine community trust may lead to review or removal.
- 🌸 Any conduct—whether in person or online—that harms the image of the team or league will not be tolerated.

Commitment to Development

Coaching is not just about racing; it is about building strong young people.

- 🌟 Encourage athletes to set goals, celebrate effort, and embrace challenges as opportunities to grow.
- 🌟 Ensure every athlete feels included and valued regardless of ability level or background.
- 🌟 Promote teamwork, resilience, discipline, and respect as core lessons alongside technical skills.
- 🌟 Create an environment that makes BMX both challenging and fun, sparking lifelong enjoyment of sport.
- 🌟 Teach lessons that extend beyond the race track and prepare athletes for success in school and life.

Representation at the USA BMX Track

The track is the most visible stage for the league, and coaches are held to the highest standard.

- 🌟 This Code of Conduct applies at all times at the track—whether you are actively coaching, assisting, spectating, riding in an event, or volunteering in any other role.
- 🌟 Coaches are expected to carry themselves with dignity and professionalism at every event.
- 🌟 Any behavior at the track that contradicts these standards damages the program's reputation and will be addressed accordingly.

Enforcement and Acknowledgment

Every coach must sign and agree to this Code of Conduct before serving in the Oklahoma Interscholastic BMX League.

- 🌟 Violations will be taken seriously and may result in warnings, suspension, or permanent removal of coaching and volunteer responsibilities.
- 🌟 By signing, coaches acknowledge their role as leaders, mentors, and representatives of the League at all times.

Coach Acknowledgment and Signature

Coach Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____