



CODE OF CONDUCT

Revised: 2023

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2023 TCT CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear TCT members,

We, The Competitor's Tour (TCT) Sport Martial Arts team, want to elevate the level of competition, tournaments, staff, and lead the next generation of martial artists into the future. As we continue to build our league, we ask all TCT members to agree to the expectations outlined here. The TCT Code of Conduct provides all participants – competitors, parents, coaches, judges, scorekeepers, coordinators, and spectators – with some simple rules that assist in delivering a safe and positive environment to everyone involved in our sport. Within that safe environment, every TCT competitor has the best chance to enjoy the competition. By accepting the standards of behavior in this Code of Conduct, we provide opportunities for our youth to grow on the mat. We also build good martial artists, good citizens, and good connections within the martial arts community. It is strongly recommended that everyone connected with TCT adopts these rules to contribute to our great sport. According to the general principles of the code, competitors, coaches, and spectators are encouraged and expected to:

- Show positive acts of sportsmanship.
- Demonstrate the greatest levels of respect.
- Lead by positive example.
- Approach everyone with kindness.
- Accept that the integrity of the sport is paramount.

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COMPETITOR'S CONDUCT

- 1 ALWAYS display a high level of sportsmanship.
- 2 RESPECT all competitors whether from your team or another, shake hands with, and thank the other competitors and judges after the division — *win or lose*.
- 3 ALWAYS respect the judges' decision and NEVER become involved in acts of foul sportsmanship.
- 4 DO NOT argue with the judges. When a dispute arises ask for an arbitrator.
- 5 HONOR both the spirit of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship.
- 6 NEVER engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, trash-talking, taunting or other actions that are demeaning to other competitors, judges, or supporters.
- 7 RESPECT the facilities and equipment made available to you during training and competition.
- 8 RECOGNIZE that many judges, coaches and staff are volunteers who give up their time to provide their services. Treat them with the utmost respect.
- 9 REMAIN out of the competition area unless you are preparing to compete. When in the competition area competitors should kneel or sit until called upon to compete.
- 10 MAINTAIN a thorough knowledge of the TCT Rules at a Glance.



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COACH'S CONDUCT

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REMAIN outside of the competition area unless you are coaching your students during sparring. No coach should be in the competition area during forms and weapons unless there is an injury, or you have a manager's pass to help with younger competitors getting to their ring.

2

REMAIN in the coach's chair during sparring.

3

DO NOT argue with the judges. When a dispute arises ask for an arbitrator.

4

DISCOURAGE foul play and/or unsportsmanlike behavior by any competitors or parents associated with your team.

5

SHOW concern and caution toward all sick/injured competitors and follow the advice of the medic and/or center judge when determining when an injured competitor is ready to compete or bow out.

6

TEACH competitors that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.

7

MAINTAIN appropriate and professional relationships with competitors and conduct yourself in a manner that shows leadership, respect for sport martial arts, and respect for all those that are involved in the sport.

8

REMEMBER that competitors participate for fun and fellowship. Your coaching should create a positive environment that is fun, safe, and inclusive

9

FOLLOW the directions of the Arbitrator, Judges, Security, Promoter, or other event staff and never arrive at a tournament under the influence of alcohol or bring alcohol to a TCT Tournament.

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PROMOTER'S CONDUCT

- 1 PROMOTE and maintain the TCT Rules at a Glance and TCT Code of Conduct.
- 2 MAKE reasonable measures to ensure that violations of the TCT Rules at a Glance and TCT Code of Conduct are addressed swiftly and appropriately
- 3 ACT in a professional manner and do not engage in practices which bring disrespect upon The Competitors Tour.
- 4 PRESENT a positive social media presence that inspires and encourages competitors to join The Competitor's Tour.
- 5 ENSURE that all tournaments conform with all relevant laws, by-laws, and regulations relating to their tournaments.
- 6 MAINTAIN adequate insurance for tournaments they promote and ensure proper and prompt payments of event venues and contractors.
- 7 ENSURE that all relevant information, especially in relation to changes in an advertised program is made available as soon as possible.
- 8 Encourage the idea that an honest effort and competing to the best of their ability is as important as victory.
- 9 RECOGNIZE that the safety of the spectators, competitors, and coaches is their greatest responsibility, and shall ensure that the highest possible standards of safety are observed during tournaments.
- 10 REMEMBER that integrity is the guiding principle of The Competitor's Tour which should be evident in all their works as a tournament promoter.



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SPECTATOR'S CONDUCT

1

PARTICIPATE in positive cheering that encourages the competitors that you are supporting. Do not engage in any cheering that taunts or intimidates other competitors.

2

DO NOT use offensive or obscene language toward, assault, or act aggressively toward any person.

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4

DO NOT argue with the judges. When a dispute arises ask for an arbitrator.

5

DO NOT enter the competition area during the course of the tournament without the prior approval of appointed staff members.

6

HONOR both the spirit of the competition rules and live up to the highest ideals of ethics and sportsmanship.

7

DO NOT bring discredit to any competitor, team, or judge through any social media outlet.

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UNDERSTAND that sport martial arts is part of a total life experience, and the benefits of involvement go far beyond the final placement of a division.

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School / Team owners are responsible for the conduct of their competitors, parents of competitors, coaches, and spectators.

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BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Enforcement of the TCT Code of Conduct lies with the TCT Arbitrator and TCT Executive Staff.

Breaches of the TCT Code of Conduct may result in penalties, including but not limited to:

- **Disqualification of a division**
and/or
- **All earned points may be striped**
and/or
- **Banned from reentering the tournament**
and/or
- **Monetary fines**
and/or
- **Suspension of a competitor on a temporary or permanent basis**
and/or
- **Suspension of a Coach, Team, or School on a temporary or permanent basis.**

****These penalties are in addition to any penalty which may be imposed by the hosting promoter.****



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