



## USA Badminton Athlete Code of Conduct

### ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the spirit of the USA Badminton Code of Conduct (the “Code”), which offers as a guide to my conduct as a member of USA Badminton. I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of me to compete in USAB and Badminton World Federation (BWF) sanctioned events for 2011.

**As a Member of USA Badminton, I hereby promise and agree that I:**

- Will abide by all rules related to selection procedures as approved by USA Badminton;
- Have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- Will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- Will not commit a doping violation as defined by the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code (OMADC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the Badminton World Federation (BWF) rules;
- Am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge;
- Will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;



- Am eligible to compete under the rules of the International Badminton Federation; and am a current member of USA Badminton
- Will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- Will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- Will respect other players, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Badminton under conditions authorized by USA Badminton and give event organizers and USA Badminton the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Badminton or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;
- Will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in the use of the USA Badminton logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of USA Badminton (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- Will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, USA Badminton and the United States; and
- Will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.



**ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,  
Toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383) or [John.Ruger@usoc.org](mailto:John.Ruger@usoc.org)  
For further information regarding my rights under this Code

**PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION**

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the Team.

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Signature

Date

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NGB Name

Sport

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION**  
**(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)**

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Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)

