



# SPORTSPERSONLIKE CONDUCT POLICY

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## POLICY STATEMENT

**USA Archery (USAA)** and its members are committed to acting in a sportspersonlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct. **USAA** and its members are also committed to fair competition and respect for the members of other teams, their coaches and staff as well as all spectators and others who participate at any event, training camp or competition sanctioned by **USAA** or the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC).

## PROHIBITED CONDUCT

It is a violation of **USAA** policy for any **USAA** member to exhibit unsportspersonlike conduct at any **USAA** Event.

## DEFINITION OF UNSPORTSPERSONLIKE CONDUCT

Unsportspersonlike Conduct is defined as any conduct that is inappropriate for an athlete, coach, judge or other official participating in a **USAA** Event, that evidences a lack of respect for such person's teammates, competitors, officials, spectators or the sport of archery, that intends to detract from the ability of a teammate or competitor to attain peak performance, that is not fitting behavior for a representative of the United States of America and the sport of archery or that is contrary to the generally understood principles of sportspersonship.

## EXAMPLES OF UNSPORTSPERSONLIKE CONDUCT

Examples of Unsportspersonlike Conduct include but are not limited to the following:

- Openly disputing or arguing with any decision by a judge or other official
- Using obscene or vulgar language that detracts from the ability of a teammate or competitor to attain peak performance, even if it is not directed at a particular person
- Intentionally disrupting or distracting a competitor in the course of competition
- Intentionally inaccurate scoring of any round of shooting
- Taunting of competitors, coaches, officials or others by means of baiting, ridiculing, threatening physical violence or physical violence

- Wagering on Olympic, Paralympic, and other USAA and/or USOPC sanctioned events and on athletes where they are participating in those events.
- Promoting Olympic or Paralympic Wagering;
- Facilitating or otherwise supporting Olympic or Paralympic Wagering;
- Knowingly sharing confidential athlete, team, or competition information with a person or entity involved in Olympic or Paralympic Wagering; or
- Attempting to influence the course or result of any competition in connection with Olympic or Paralympic Wagering

## **FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS**

Any person who makes a false and malicious complaint of unsportsmanlike conduct, as opposed to complaints, which, even if erroneous, are made in good faith, will be subject to disciplinary action

## **COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE**

A person wishing to file a complaint may do so as set forth in the Disciplinary Proceedings and Grievance Policy, which can be found at [www.usarchery.org](http://www.usarchery.org).

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For guidance and questions regarding the **USAA** Unsportsmanlike Conduct Policy please contact the CEO of USAA at [ceo@usarchery.org](mailto:ceo@usarchery.org).