

Gay Games 10 Code of Conduct

Every participant in the 2018 Gay Games will follow the Gay Games 10 Code of Conduct for Participants and Coaches. By registering for the 2018 Gay Games each participant agrees to this Code of Conduct:

- I understand and respect the Gay Games values of Participation, Inclusion, and Personal Best™.
- I will show respect and consideration for other participants, volunteers, officials, and staff, and for the laws and customs of the host community.
- I will contribute to making this an enjoyable and uplifting experience for myself and everyone else.
- I will not participate in any sports activity at the Gay Games while under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substances.

For Participants

- I will play by the rules.
- I will never argue with an official. If I need to ask a question of an official, I will do so in a friendly and courteous manner.
- For team sports, I will communicate with officials through my captain or coach.
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials, disparaging other participants, or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable and are not permitted behavior in any sport.
- I will work to be a good sport and recognize the performance of my opponents.
- I will treat all participants as I would like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- I will cooperate with my coaches, teammates and opponents. I recognize that without them, there would be no competition.
- I will participate for personal enjoyment and benefit, not just to please others.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexual orientation

For Coaches, Trainers and Managers

- I realize that everyone participates for pleasure, and winning is only part of the fun.
- I will never ridicule or yell at a participant for making a mistake or failing to come first.
- I will be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- I will operate within the rules and spirit of my sport and teach my players to do the same.
- I will ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience; all participants are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- I will avoid overplaying talented players: the 'just average' need and deserve playing time.
- I will ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the ability of all players.
- I will display self-control, respect and professionalism to all involved in the sport; this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media and spectators. I will encourage players to do the same.
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players, and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- I will obtain appropriate qualification and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.
- I will take care that any physical contact with a participant be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexual orientation.

For officials

- I will compliment and encourage all participants.
- I will be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- I will condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for opponents.
- I will emphasize the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- I will encourage and promote rule changes that will make participation more enjoyable.
- I will be a good sport because actions speak louder than words.
- I will keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development.
- I will be ready to justify my decisions.
- I know I set the example for players, and that my behavior and comments should be positive and supportive.
- I will place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- I will give all participants an opportunity to play regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, religion or sexual orientation.

- I will carry out my duties free from any favoritism or bias.

