



# ADCC Open Tournament Code of Conduct

*For Athletes, Coaches, and Parents*

Participation in ADCC Open events comes with the responsibility to uphold the values of **respect, safety, and integrity**. The following code applies to all competitors, coaches, and spectators, including parents and guardians. Violations may result in penalties, disqualification, or suspension from future events.

## 1. Respect for Officials

- Referees and judges must be treated with respect at all times.
- Their scoring and decisions are **final**. Disputes must be handled **professionally** through proper channels through video review with Head Judge, Jay Regalbuto or his designee.
- **Yelling at, aggressively confronting, or disparaging** referees or judges may result in **immediate removal** from the event.

## 2. Respect for Opponents and Teams

- Treat all competitors and coaches with dignity—**no verbal or physical taunting, mocking, or unsportsmanlike behavior** before, during, or after matches.
- **No physical contact** beyond the match itself is permitted (e.g., shoving after the match has ended).

## 3. Safe Competition Standards

- **Illegal techniques** (as defined by the ADCC ruleset for each division) are strictly prohibited. Athletes are responsible for knowing and following the rules of their division.
- **Applying a submission after the tap or referee stoppage** is considered a **serious offense** and may result in disqualification and suspension.
- Reckless behavior or intent to injure will not be tolerated.



#### 4. Conduct of Coaches and Parents

- Coaches and parents must model **sportsmanship and self-control** at all times.
- Instructions should be **constructive and non-hostile**—no profanity or abusive language directed at referees, opponents and their coaches, or your own athlete.
- Only **designated coaches** may approach officials.
- Coaches and parents are strictly prohibited from taunting or threatening the other competitor, their coaches or families. Violations will result in removal from the venue.

#### 5. Language and Behavior

- **Profanity**, slurs, or threatening language—whether on the mat, in the stands, or online—are strictly prohibited.

#### 6. Zero Tolerance for Bullying or Harassment

- Any form of **harassment, intimidation, or bullying**—verbal, physical, or digital—will result in removal and possible ban from future events.

#### 7. Accountability

- Competitors must register according to their current belt rank and ensure it is accurate on Smoothcomp
- Registered under an outdated or incorrect rank is considered sandbagging and may result in disqualification or suspension

By participating in ADCC Open events, you agree to this Code of Conduct. Let your actions reflect the honor of the sport and the ADCC legacy.

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