

YOUTH SPORTS COMMITTEE CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the PACIFIC ASSOCIATION, believe the sport of TRACK & FIELD, CROSS COUNTRY, and RACE WALKING should be fun and an integral part of a sound educational program. We believe those who coach youth and work with youth are, first and foremost, teachers who have a duty to promote life skills and develop good character in our youth. All HEAD COACHES AND PARENTS OF UNATTACHED ATHLETES will be responsible for the actions of ATHLETES, ASSISTANT COACHES, TEAM PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS involved with their club or program.

Spectators will be given one warning of inappropriate conduct. If the misconduct continues, they will be asked to leave by the MEET SECURITY, MEET DIRECTOR, ASSOCIATION CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR. If there is non-compliance, local authorities will be notified to complete the removal.

INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT: Action detrimental (damaging) to the purposes of USATF or its members.

<u>TYPES OF INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT</u>	<u>MAXIMUM CONSEQUENCES FOR OFFENSES</u>
<p><u>Fighting</u> – Purposeful conflict between one or more persons, often involving violence and/or bodily injury.</p>	<p>1st – One (1) year suspension 2nd – Permanent ban from Association (does not apply to self-defense)</p>
<p><u>Verbal Threats</u> – Making a direct verbal threat to inflict harm.</p>	<p>1st – Thirty (30) day suspension 2nd – One (1) year suspension 3rd – Permanent ban from Association</p>
<p><u>Cheating</u> – A deception to profit a person or club; create an unfair advantage usually in one’s own interest at the expense of others. Deliberately violating Association rules and/or regulations.</p>	<p>1st – One (1) year suspension 2nd – Permanent ban from Association</p>
<p><u>Theft</u> – Wrongful taking of another’s property without consent.</p>	<p>1st – One (1) year suspension 2nd – Permanent ban from Association</p>
<p><u>Taunting</u> – Allowing a team to vocally ridicule or challenge other competitors or teams in a mocking or insulting manner.</p>	<p>1st – Warning 2nd – Thirty (30) day suspension 3rd – One (1) year suspension</p>
<p><u>Drugs / Alcohol</u> – There is zero tolerance for any drug or alcohol consumption at any USATF or Pacific Association sanctioned meet. Those arriving at a meet intoxicated will be prohibited from attending.</p>	<p>1st – One (1) year suspension 2nd – Permanent ban from Association</p>
<p><u>Unauthorized Access to Competition Areas</u> – Athletes, coaches or team parents on the field after the beginning of the first competition. (Continued on the next page)</p>	<p>1st – Warning 2nd – Thirty (30) day suspension</p>

Disrespect of Officers, Officials, or Coaches

– An officer is any person holding office within the Pacific Association and/or USATF. Definition: To say or do something that shows a lack of respect for others, which includes but is not limited to rudeness, insults, discourteousness or failure to comply with an official’s instruction during a meet.

Recruitment of Athletes From Registered Clubs

– Once an athlete has registered with PA/USATF as a member of Club A in a calendar year another athlete, coach or other representative of Club B may not contact that athlete for purposes of recruiting to Club B. If an athlete decides to change Clubs on their own desire, the athlete must wait 90 days after their last competition with Club A before they can begin competing with Club B. Guardian of athlete must submit in writing to the PA/USATF Membership Chair the request to change clubs. The above instruction does not apply to an athlete initially registered as UNATTACHED.

A. If the coach is responsible:

- 1st – The coach will be disqualified from the meet. The affected team will be allowed to remain at the meet under other adult supervision.
- 2nd – The coach will be suspended for thirty (30) days.
- 3rd – The coach will be permanently banned from the Association.

B. If the coach is not involved:

- 1st – The coach will be advised to take internal action with the responsible party.
- 2nd – The offender will be suspended for thirty (30) days.
- 3rd – The offender will be permanently banned from the Association.

- 1st – One (1) year suspension for recruiting