



## Code of Ethics

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# CODE OF ETHICS

## CE 1: Introduction

1. The International Jump Rope Union (IJRU) is the world governing body for Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping. IJRU aims to promote the highest possible ethical values within the sport. This Code of Ethics, adopted by the IJRU Congress, shall apply to IJRU Representatives, as well as all National Governing Bodies, Participants and regional federations acting for or on behalf of the IJRU in the sport of Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping. This Code is subordinate and supplementary to all IJRU Rules, the IJRU Constitution, as well as other governing documents adopted by the Board of Directors.
2. The Code of Ethics includes the standards of behaviour and conduct expected of all participants and gives a set of guidelines that, with research and experience, have been proven to reliably lead to the desired result, and summarizes the IJRU Ethical Principles. These rules alone cannot further ethical conduct in sport. This can only occur when participants make a personal commitment to ethical behaviour and conduct.
3. National Governing Bodies (hereinafter - NGBs) may also have their own rules of ethical conduct and they are responsible for the creation of a positive environment for the practice of safe Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping. This Code does not replace the governing documents of the NGB's such as Codes of Conduct and Codes of Ethics, but provides fundamental values and principles they must abide by as members of IJRU. See IJRU Constitution C7-C9.
4. The conduct and behaviour of all participants in national and international Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping activities must be consistent with the rules as provided by the International Olympic Committee, IJRU, and the appropriate NGBs.
5. It is important to note that while IJRU may set standards for behaviour, NGBs and their clubs have a legal and moral responsibility to address behaviour that offends community standards or is against the law. Behaviour that may be illegal shall be reported to the police.

## CE 2: Definitions

6. All other terms used in this Code shall have the same meaning as set out in the IJRU Constitution and other governing documents of IJRU.
  - "Athlete" - means a person who actively performs and jumps rope at Official Activities.
  - "Competition" – means events in which a winner is determined through sanctioned IJRU events.
  - "IJRU Representatives" - means judges and officials of IJRU elected or appointed in accordance with the IJRU Constitution.
  - "Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping" - means Single Rope, Double Dutch, (Chinese) Wheel, Long Rope, Traveller/ Visitor.
  - "National Governing Bodies" (NGB) - means a sport body organized in accordance with the national law of origin, recognized and affiliated by IJRU.

- “Official Activities” - means IJRU Championships and/or IJRU sanctioned events involving Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping.
- “Participants” - means individuals, including but not limited to athletes, athlete support personnel, coaches, NGB representatives, volunteers, and other persons accredited to attend or participate in any of Official Activities of Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping.

### **CE 3: IJRU Ethics Panel**

7. The IJRU Ethics Panel is established pursuant to C 22.9 of the IJRU Constitution that shall carry out its functions in accordance with this Ethics Panel Charter.
8. The IJRU Ethic Panel (hereinafter – the Panel) shall provide information and educate on the ethical principles, as well as advise on the better application of the ethical principles according to the governing documents of the IJRU.
9. The Panel will analyze all complaints, denunciations and acts brought to its attention and perform an initial compliance analysis. If any failure to comply with this Code or any other governing documents of the IJRU is reasonably founded, the Panel will determine jurisdiction. If the Ethics Panel has jurisdiction as it is a suspected breach of this Code or the Code of Conduct the Panel shall follow the IJRU Disciplinary Procedures. This Panel will establish a quorum as per the Ethics Panel Charter and conduct an appropriate investigation while maintaining confidence, ethical principles, and proceeding without undue delay.
10. If the complaint, denunciation or act falls within the jurisdiction of more than one sub-committee under the IJRU, the Panel along with the Panels in question, will analyze the complaint in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures, the appropriate Charters, applicable governing documents, and the IJRU Constitution. This process is laid out in the Ethics Panel Charter.
11. For those cases where it is determined a violation of the IJRU Code of Ethics has occurred, sanctions shall be applied by the Ethics Panel in accordance with the Ethics Panel Charter, and the IJRU Constitution.

### **CE 4: Key IJRU Ethical Principles**

12. Respect and Human Dignity
  - 12.1. The respect of human rights and dignity is a fundamental requirement during all activities of the sport of Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping on a regional, national and international level.
  - 12.2. Discrimination of any kind shall not be permitted against a person or group of persons, on any grounds prescribed by the [UDHR](#), including but not limited to race, skin colour, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability, physical attributes and athletic ability or other status.
  - 12.3. All doping at any level is absolutely prohibited. All points contained in the Anti-Doping Code of the IJRU and World Anti-Doping Association , as well as those of the Olympic Movement Code on the [Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions](#) edited by the IOC are to be scrupulously observed and dealt with according to policies and procedures of the respective organizations and/or bodies.

12.4. All forms of violence and harassment, including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual abuse, physical abuse, psychological abuse and/or neglect shall not be tolerated.

### 13. Integrity

13.1. Members subject to this Code shall not directly or indirectly accept, solicit, or offer any gift, advantage, privilege or reward that can reasonably be perceived as being intended to influence the performance of an official function under IJRU governing documents, unless authorized or sanctioned by IJRU.

13.2. The hospitality services offered to IJRU members or their representatives may not exceed the normal standard of the host country.

13.3. During the conduct of their activities, members subject to this Code are expected to display correct conduct and deportment, to strictly follow the IJRU Code of Conduct and to declare any conflicts of interest between the organisation of which they are a member and all other organisations with which the IJRU has relationships. If a conflict should or could appear, the Ethics Panel is to be informed for the appropriate action to be taken.

13.4. The IJRU Representatives are to handle their responsibilities with diligence and care. They shall abstain from any false declarations and shall behave in a dignified and respectful manner. They must demonstrate fairness in all sport activities and decisions, which might affect the reputation of the IJRU.

13.5. The IJRU Representatives may not be linked with any company, association, firm or persons whose activities are incompatible with the principles or the rules of the IJRU and its governing documents.

13.6. The Participants are not permitted to demonstrate undue pressure or influence on the vote or the direction of decisions made in the IJRU, and especially must avoid any cooperation sought by influencing the work and evaluation of the judges of IJRU Official Activities.

### **CE 5: Financial Resources**

14. IJRU financial resources may only be used to support aims and objectives approved by decisions at the appropriate level of the IJRU. The income and expenses of the IJRU authorities and their designates must be documented according to sound accounting practices and be fully transparent.

15. The IJRU members recognise the important contribution and involvement of television, sponsors, partners and other supporters of Jump Rope/ Rope Skipping activities required for the development of the sport. All supporters and partners are obligated to abide by the IJRU governing documents. They cannot interfere or obstruct organisation of events, which are exclusively the responsibility and competence of the IJRU.

16. The organisers of the Official Activities, as well as IJRU Representatives and Participants must adhere to IJRU and relevant NGB governing documents in accepting or soliciting financial gain. They are obligated to refuse all approaches made by a third party and abstain from approaching any third party to obtain financial gain or any kind of influence including but not limited to political and/or personal, which does not conform to the rules and agreements of the IJRU.

### **CE 6: Implementation**

17. This Code has been adopted by the IJRU Executive pursuant to the Ethics Panel Charter and shall be read subject to the IJRU Constitution and the IJRU Rules.

18. The principles embodied in this Code shall serve as guidelines on the essential ethical standards required of members of IJRU. It is the duty of the individuals subject to this

Code to act ethically in accordance with the Code and to ensure to the best of their ability that the Code is applied in relation to the Official Activities. Furthermore, it is every individual's obligation to report suspected or actual violations of this Code. If a member has a reason to believe that there exists questionable or illicit conduct which contravenes the Code, the members should immediately report the facts to the Ethics Panel. If you wish to report such matters, you may do so using the communication channels described.

19. Following a report, every member subject to this Code, at the request or demand of any authorized body of the IJRU, is obligated to assist in clarifying the facts of the possible violation as may be required pursuant to the IJRU Disciplinary Procedures.
20. The Ethics Panel may make recommendations to the IJRU BOD for the modification, amendment or deletion of provisions in this Code.