



## WORLD STRONGMAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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### I. INTRODUCTION

The World Strongman International Union (World Strongman) is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, fair play, and professionalism within the sport of Strongman. This Code of Conduct establishes the ethical framework that all athletes, coaches, officials, event organizers, employees, volunteers, and stakeholders must adhere to when participating in or representing World Strongman.

This document defines acceptable and unacceptable behavior in all Strongman activities and events, ensuring that the sport is conducted in a safe, respectful, and ethical manner.

#### A. Basis of the Code of Conduct

This policy is established in accordance with the World Strongman Statute, which mandates that all members adhere to principles of sportsmanship, fair competition, and ethical behavior, aligning with the standards of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other IOC-recognized International Federations (IFs).

#### B. Scope of the Code of Conduct

The World Strongman Code of Conduct applies to:

- All World Strongman-sanctioned events
- All national and international competitions under World Strongman governance
- All interactions between athletes, coaches, officials, and World Strongman representatives
- All activities conducted under the World Strongman banner, including training camps, meetings, and promotional events

#### C. Standards of Good Conduct

- **Respect for Others:** All participants must treat fellow athletes, officials, spectators, and staff with dignity and respect.
- **Integrity in Competition:** Athletes must compete fairly, following all event rules without attempting to gain an unfair advantage.
- **Sportsmanship:** Members must uphold the spirit of Strongman by competing with honor and respect for their opponents.



- **Compliance with Laws and Regulations:** Members must adhere to all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
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## **II. DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITIES & ETHICS COMMISSION**

### **A. Disciplinary Authorities at Events**

During World Strongman-sanctioned events, an Acting Disciplinary Authority (such as the Event Director or Event Rules Committee) has the authority to:

- Enforce the Code of Conduct
- Issue warnings or penalties for violations
- Disqualify an athlete or team for serious breaches of conduct

### **B. The Ethics Commission**

The World Strongman Ethics Commission oversees serious violations and disputes that occur outside of sanctioned events. The Commission:

- Reviews complaints and conducts investigations
  - Determines appropriate disciplinary actions
  - Ensures fair and impartial adjudication
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## **III. CODE OF CONDUCT & REGULATORY STANDARDS**

### **A. Conduct During World Strongman Events**

Athletes, officials, and staff must:

- Compete fairly and follow the rules of competition
- Treat all participants with respect and refrain from verbal abuse, bullying, or harassment
- Maintain self-control and discipline, avoiding excessive aggression or dangerous behavior
- Respect the decisions of referees and officials, even if they disagree
- Adhere to anti-doping regulations and refrain from using banned substances

**Prohibited Conduct:**



- Cheating, match-fixing, or bribery
- Physical violence or threats against other participants
- Unsportsmanlike behavior, including taunting or excessive celebration
- Use of banned substances or performance-enhancing drugs

## **B. Conduct Within the World Strongman Community**

All members of World Strongman must:

- Represent the sport with professionalism and integrity
- Avoid actions that damage the reputation of Strongman
- Support fellow athletes, coaches, and officials in a positive and respectful manner
- Promote the values of inclusion, diversity, and respect

### **Prohibited Conduct:**

- Spreading false or misleading information about World Strongman
- Publicly defaming or discrediting another athlete or official
- Disruptive or offensive behavior during World Strongman meetings or events
- Discriminatory remarks based on race, gender, nationality, or any other factor

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## **IV. COMPLAINT & DISCIPLINARY PROCESS**

### **A. Filing a Complaint**

Any member of World Strongman can file a complaint regarding a breach of conduct. Complaints must:

- Be submitted in writing to the World Strongman Ethics Commission
- Include specific details of the violation, including names, dates, and any supporting evidence
- Be submitted within 30 days of the incident

### **B. Review & Investigation**

- The Ethics Commission will review the complaint and determine whether an investigation is necessary.
- If needed, the accused party will be given an opportunity to respond.
- A final decision will be made based on evidence, witness statements, and official reports.



## C. Appeals Process

- If a party disagrees with a disciplinary decision, they may submit an appeal within 30 days.
  - Appeals will be reviewed by the World Strongman Executive Committee.
  - Rulings made by the Executive Committee are final and binding.
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# V. SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS

## A. Sanctions by Acting Disciplinary Authorities at Events

- **Warnings & Fines** – Monetary penalties for minor infractions
- **Event Disqualification** – Immediate removal from competition for serious violations
- **Temporary Suspension** – Ban from World Strongman competitions for a set period

## B. Sanctions by the Ethics Commission

- **Probation** – A warning period where further violations result in stricter penalties
- **Suspension** – Temporary ban from competing or participating in World Strongman events
- **Lifetime Ban** – Permanent exclusion for severe violations (e.g., match-fixing, doping, violence)

Severe offenses (e.g., physical violence, doping violations, bribery) may result in permanent suspension or legal action.

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# VI. COMPLIANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

All members of World Strongman are expected to:

- Comply with the Code of Conduct
- Report any violations or misconduct
- Cooperate fully in investigations and disciplinary proceedings

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, members demonstrate their commitment to the integrity, professionalism, and growth of Strongman.