

2026 Code of Conduct

Participation in martial arts tournaments is a privilege. Whether you are an athlete, coach, volunteer, parent, or spectator — we all play a role in creating the kind of event experience our athletes deserve.

At the Summit Open, we hold ourselves to a high standard. We expect our athletes to demonstrate courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control, and indomitable spirit — and we ask the same of the adults supporting them.

Our goal is simple: create a safe, respectful, positive environment where athletes can compete hard, grow in confidence, and feel supported every step of the way.

1. Respect Comes First

Please treat officials, volunteers, coaches, athletes, and fellow spectators with courtesy and respect at all times.

- Be kind. Be respectful. Be the example.
- Cheer for great performances — from all athletes, not just your own school.
- Respect the decisions of referees and judges. They are doing a difficult job and giving their time to support the sport free of charge.

2. Sportsmanship Matters

How we conduct ourselves matters. We expect athletes, parents and spectators to:

- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat
- Support the event with professionalism and respect

Negative comments, arguing, poor sportsmanship - showboating, throwing gear or tantrums, intimidation, or disrespectful behaviour have no place at the Summit Open.

3. Let Coaches Coach. Let Athletes Compete.

Competition areas and warm-up spaces are for authorized athletes, coaches, and officials only.

Please:

- Do not coach or interfere from the sidelines
- Do not interfere with officials or ring operations
- Allow athletes to focus and listen to their designated coach
- Respect event flow and staff directions

Too many voices create confusion. Trust the process and trust your coaching team.

4. Self-Control & Conduct

Martial arts teaches discipline — from everyone.

Shouting at referees, disputing calls, aggressive behaviour, harassment, or disruptive conduct will not be tolerated.

If an issue arises, please address concerns respectfully through the proper channels at an appropriate time.

5. Protect the Experience

The Summit Open is known for its positive atmosphere, professionalism, and strong sense of community. We work hard to create an event where athletes feel safe, respected, and proud to compete.

Athletes, parents and spectators who fail to meet these expectations may be asked to leave the competition area or event facility.

All our judges and staff are **VOLUNTEERS**. They do this for the love of the martial arts and to support their school. Please be kind. We are all doing our best.

Mistreatment of anyone will not be tolerated.

Please do your part to create a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all.

Let's have an awesome day and make some great memories! Win or lose!

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