

# X-calibur FSC Association code of conduct and playing opportunity guidelines.

**Assumption:** This code is based on the premise that participation in programs of the X-calibur Field Hockey Association (XFHA) conducted at any site is a privilege. Participants are guests of the site and are obligated to abide by its rules. The X-calibur Association (XFHA) is responsible to these sites to ensure the proper conduct of participants in XFHA programs. The program leaders shall have the authority to take disciplinary action in case of violations of this code.

**Conditions of Participation:** All participants in this program, conducted by the XFHA at the host site, must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. By signing this document you will be acknowledging that you have read it, understand it, and are willing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

## Rules:

1. Those participants perpetuating the damage will pay for any physical damage to the facility.
2. There will be no possession or use of alcoholic beverages at the host site by anyone under the legal drinking age; or by anyone, if prohibited by the host site.
3. There will be no possession or use of any prescription drug or USOC banned substance unless participant is currently under physician's care and the medication is required for treatment of an illness or injury (documentation required).
4. Unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated, including but not limited to:

Any act considered to be an offense under federal, state, local and USOC laws and rules.

- Vandalism, damaging of property, unauthorized use of equipment or property, or theft.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Inappropriate horseplay or other misbehavior, which physically endangers any person or property.

Note: Persons present while any violation of the Code of Conduct occurs must leave the area immediately or be considered a participant by choice. Any person observing or having knowledge of an activity, which may result in serious bodily harm to a program participant, must immediately report such activity to a member of the staff.

**Consequences:** Violation of the Code of Conduct may result in:

1. Participant(s) responsible for property loss being liable to pay all replacement/repair costs.
2. Partial or full restriction of movement at the host site.
3. Expulsion from the program with participant being sent home at his/her own expense.
4. A written report submitted to the XFHA Administrator/coaching Directors for further action.
5. Loss of opportunity to participate in future programs conducted under the auspices of the XFHA.

## Process:

**All Code violations shall be reported as soon as possible to the Administrator/coaching directors.**

**Player opportunity guidelines:** Note: Players playing time during any event will be based on the following criteria:

1. Practice time attended or made up at U-16 or U-14 or U-19. All players will login to practice at the time they arrive and logout if they leave early. Records will be kept and available for anyone to view.
2. Tournaments attended. Games participated in at tournaments.
3. Physical readiness: Injuries may impact playing time. We will be placing the strongest teams possible on the court for Qualifiers and the national tournament. All other events will be the coach's discretion and based on the following formula: **I + C + W = M** (I = Ingenuity, C = Courage, W = Work, M = Miracles).
4. Attitude: Players having difficulty with team members or coaches ie, Fighting with or not listening to the instructions from a coach may place the player on the bench until said difference's are resolved, either by mutual understanding or dismissal of the player.
5. Ability: We hope that all the players improve over the course of the indoor season, however; if the skill level is not up to the standards of the competition, then that players playing time may be limited to games we lead by an acceptable margin. This will be up to the coaches' discretion. This is done as much for the player as for the team. No one wants to look like they are not playing well, especially when college coaches may be present.

**Parent Guide lines:** Note: Players playing/practice time could be affected by violation of the below items!

1. Parents will refrain from speaking of athletes including their own in any derogatory manner during games and/or practices. If you have nothing good to say please stay silent.
2. Refrain from telling your player what they should and should not do on the court unless the coach has asked for your help in this capacity. Conflicting information and playing suggestions do not help the athlete's confidence or ability to perform.
3. Refrain from approaching a coach when angry or upset or in the presence of the athletes. Many times the heat of the moment destroys the ability to communicate and resolve issues. Use the 24-hour rule to allow for the discussion and resolution.
4. **Violation of the above could result in the above listed consequences for your athlete.**

**All Questions to these guidelines shall be directed to the Administrator/coaching directors.**

1. Upon notification of a code violation, the director and appropriate staff members may hold a hearing with the participants involved.
2. The Administrator/Coaching Directors shall have the authority to enforce any of the above listed consequences, notifying the participant within at least 24 hours of the hearing
3. A recommendation by the Program Director that the participant be restricted from future programs must be submitted in writing to the XFHA Administrator/Coaching Directors, who shall make the final decision.
4. The participant shall have the right to appeal a decision by the Administrator/Coaching Directors if appropriate material can be manifested to overturn the decision.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct and its intent and I understand the possible consequences if it is violated.

Participants Name

Address

City, State Zip

Participant signature – regardless of age, must sign

Print Team Name

## PARENTAL CONSENT

Participants under 18 years of age at the time this form is signed must have the portion completed by their parent or legal guardians.

This is to certify that I,

as parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby give consent to the USFHA, and its assigned staff, for my child to be under their supervision for participation in this program. I agree to be responsible for all costs for damage for which my child is responsible, and agree to pay all costs arising from disciplinary actions.

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

PLEASE NOTE: Both Parent/Guardian and participant must sign this form in places indicated if the participant is under 18.