

## **Code of Conduct**

In consideration of my participation in the Veterans Windy City Winter Sports Clinic (WCWSC), I understand that I will be representing myself, other Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Chicago Park District, and local adaptive sports partners. I understand it is a privilege to participate in the WCWSC.

I understand that if I am found in violation of the Code of Conduct, I may be immediately disqualified from the event and sent home at my own expense. Depending on the type of violation, I may be prohibited from competing in future WCWSC events.

In order to compete, I must agree to abide by the WCWSC Code of Conduct as detailed below:

- 1. I will behave in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner toward fellow participants, staff, volunteers, and event spectators.
- 2. I understand that no form of abuse or harassment, whether it is verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, will be tolerated.
- As this is a sporting competition and the WCWSC is committed to supporting each athlete to compete at his or her highest level, I will refrain from the consumption of alcohol or illegal substances during the WCWSC.
- 4. I will respect all property at the event, including that of my fellow Veterans. I understand that I am responsible for any damage that I cause. This includes smoking in non-smoking hotel rooms.
- 5. I am responsible for all charges and use of incidentals (movies, room services, items from a mini bar) in my hotel room.
- 6. I understand that I will not be reimbursed by WCWSC for any transportation, food, equipment or any other services purchased on my own.
- 7. I will abide by the decisions of the event officials and local organizing committee.
- 8. I understand that if I am late to scheduled events, I may forfeit my participation. Further, if I am late to ground transportation, it is my responsibility to coordinate alternate transportation to get to the event location, at my own expense.
- 9. I will only travel with a caregiver if it is medically necessary. I understand that due to the costs associated with the event, bringing a caregiver who is not needed for activities of daily living (or ADLs), travel or competition means that another Veteran will not be able to attend.
- 10. If I am traveling with a service animal, I understand that I am responsible for handling my service animal under the ADA guidelines. I understand that service animals whose sole purpose is to provide emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and therefore are not permitted at WCWSC.
- 11. If I am not able to attend the WCWSC, I will contact the event staff via email or phone as soon as possible. I understand that if I am approved and do not cancel my participation or do not show up, that I am taking away the opportunity for another Veteran to attend, and in the future may not be eligible to participate in WCWSC.

| Athlete Name (Print) |   |
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| Athlete Signature    |   |
| Date                 | _ |