



# Labrador Winter Games

## Athlete Code of Conduct

### 1. Purpose

The Labrador Winter Games (LWG) Athlete Code of Conduct establishes clear expectations for behavior, sportsmanship, and respect among all participating athletes. This Code aims to ensure a safe, inclusive, and positive environment that upholds the spirit, values, and traditions of the Labrador Winter Games.

### 2. Scope

This Code applies to all registered athletes representing their communities or regions at any official LWG event, ceremony, competition, or activity, including travel, accommodation, and public appearances related to the Games.

### 3. Core Values

Athletes participating in the Labrador Winter Games are expected to embody and promote:

- Respect – for teammates, opponents, officials, volunteers, and spectators.
- Integrity – honesty and fairness in all actions and decisions.
- Sportsmanship – positive representation of one's community and the Games.
- Safety – responsible behavior to ensure the well-being of oneself and others.
- Community Spirit – commitment to inclusion, friendship, and teamwork.

### 4. Expected Standards of Behavior

#### 4.1 General Conduct

- Compete and participate in the true spirit of fair play and respect.
- Abide by all LWG rules, event schedules, and instructions from officials or staff.
- Conduct themselves respectfully toward all persons and property.
- Represent their community and the Games with pride, dignity, and responsibility.
- Respect the cultural diversity and traditions of Labrador's communities.

#### 4.2 Sportsmanship

- Treat opponents and teammates with courtesy and respect.
- Accept all official decisions with grace, without dispute or hostility.
- Refrain from taunting, abusive language, gestures, or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Support and encourage others in the spirit of friendly competition.

#### 4.3 Safety and Substance Use

- The possession or use of alcohol, cannabis, or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited during Games participation, including at venues, accommodations, or official functions.
- Athletes must not compete or train while under the influence of any substance that impairs performance or judgment.
- Athletes must comply with any anti-doping policies or relevant sport regulations.

#### 4.4 Respectful Environment

- Harassment, bullying, discrimination, or violence of any kind will not be tolerated.
- Athletes shall respect personal and cultural differences and contribute to a welcoming environment for all.
- Athletes must respect all property, facilities, and accommodations provided by the LWG or host communities.
- Any damages caused by the purposeful or negligent actions of an Athlete's behaviour will result in the repair and or replacement costs being directly responsible and incurred by the offending Athlete(s) Community.

#### 4.5 Media and Social Media

- Athletes are encouraged to share their experiences positively and respectfully.
- Negative or disrespectful comments toward other athletes, officials, or the Games organization on social media are prohibited.
- Athletes shall not use social media to engage in conduct that could harm the reputation of the LWG or their community.

### 5. Breaches of the Code

Any breach of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Verbal or written warning
- Temporary suspension from events or activities
- Removal from competition or the Games
- Revocation of awards or recognition
- Notification to the athlete's community representatives

All disciplinary matters will be reviewed by the Labrador Winter Games Board or designated Committee.

### 6. Acknowledgement

All athletes must sign the Athlete Code of Conduct Agreement Form prior to participation, confirming they have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Code.

Approved by: Labrador Winter Games Association

Effective Date: November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Next Review: TBC

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_