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CONDUCT POLICY

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Preamble

The Canadian Ismaili Games will undoubtedly be a unique showcase of Ismaili athletes in Canada and an opportunity for us to celebrate as one country and one Jamat. Each participant has a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that will ensure that this event creates fond memories and long lasting friendships for all involved, including athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators. This document outlines those responsibilities.

The Canadian Ismaili Games is an inclusive event which values the safety and security of all participants, spectators and tournament officials. All participants of the Canadian Ismaili Games are expected to read, understand and conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the expectations outlined within this Conduct Policy. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action being taken by the organizers against both the participant and his or her team.

On entering the competition, each participant automatically undertakes to:

- a) observe the regulations of the tournament including the Code of Conduct and the rules of each sport outlined in separate documents and observe the principles of fair play;
- b) accept the decisions passed by the tournament officials and organizers under the terms of these regulations;
- c) participate in all matches of the CIG in which their team is scheduled to take part.

1.0 Roles and Responsibilities

For the purposes of this document 'Agent of Team' refers to any individual acting on behalf of the team – e.g. Coaches, Trainers, Managers or other as determined by the Tournament Organizers.

Role	Responsibility
Captains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - each team must select and note on the game sheet one Captain - if that Captain is substituted for during the course of the game and the rules of the sport dictate that they may not re-enter play (e.g. Soccer) the person who wears the Captain's armband will be considered the Captain
Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - teams must designate a Coach at time of registration - the Coach may not be a player - the Coach assumes overall responsibility for the team - Coaches understand that CIG is a unique sports tournament that serves as both the National Sports

	<p>Tournament for Canadian Ismailis and the evaluation camp for selection to Team Canada for the International Games. As such, within the desire to win the Tournament, all athletes and coaches are reminded and encouraged to ensure that all CIG athletes are provided adequate playing time to be fairly scouted and evaluated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any communication from the Tournament Organizers to the Team will be delivered to the Coach
Referees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have complete discretion to assess any in-game penalties, as they deem necessary - all in-game decisions by referees are final and effective immediately - Tournament Organizers will have no say regarding in-game penalties administered by the Referee - the Tournament Organizers may administer suspensions or sanctions beyond those administered on the field by the Referee - the referee has the authority to suspend or temporarily halt any game for perceived or real safety considerations either to the players, teams, agents of teams, spectators, or to the referee and his/her assistants. - only the appointed Captains and Coach are permitted to talk to the referee - verbal abuse of the referee or his/her assistants by any player or agent of team will not be tolerated (see section below)

2.0 Fair Play

Over-arching principles for Fair Play Code

- ✓ Show respect to all individuals
- ✓ Respect the facility in which you play
- ✓ Show self-control at all times

2.1 Athletes

Athletes should compete to the best of their ability within the limits of the rules. All athletes will:

- Participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.
- Play fair. Winning is without value if victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly.
- Respect the efforts and abilities of their opponents because without them there would be no game.
- Respect their team mates and do their best to be a true unified team player.
- Respect all fellow athletes, coaches/captains, officials/referees, spectators, organizers/administrators and evaluators.

- Respect and play by the rules of the game. Make an effort to learn them, to understand the game better. It is just as important to understand the spirit of the rules. Rules are designed to make the game fun to play and fun to watch.
- Play to Win. If you do not play to win, you are cheating your opponents, deceiving those who are watching, and also fooling yourself.
- Accept Defeat with Dignity. Nobody wins all the time. Always lose graciously. Congratulate the winners with grace. Good losers earn more respect than bad winners.

2.2 Coaches/Captains

Coaches/captains must act as team leaders. They must encourage, motivate, and assist in aiding athletes to achieve their maximum potential. All coaches/captains will:

- Teach athletes to play fairly and respect the rules, officials/referees, opposition, fellow team mates, spectators, and organizers/administrators.
- Work in cooperation with the officials/referees.
- Not mock or poke fun at any players/teams, officials/referees, organizers, administrators, or evaluators for any reason.
- Encourage/Promote excellence in sport, sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy competition.

2.3 Officials/Referees

Officials/Referees will make sure that athletes will have an opportunity to perform to the best of their abilities within the limits of the rules. All officials/referees will:

- Apply rules of the game with consistency, courtesy, and firmness without provoking antagonism. The rules of the games used for CIG will be those stated on the national sports tournament website.
- Maintain a healthy atmosphere for safe competition.
- Not tolerate unacceptable conduct towards themselves, other officials/referees, athletes, coaches/captains, spectators, evaluators and organizers/administrators.
- Maintain impartiality at all times.
- Avoid any situation or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the players.
- Be consistent and objective in calling all games and infractions in a game.
- Work in cooperation with organizers/administrators for the benefit of the game.
- Make sure that every player on the field has an opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- Handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.

2.4 Evaluators

Evaluators will select the best athletes to form the all-star teams that will represent Canada at the International Games. All evaluators will be:

- Dedicated to making a correct decision by filling selection forms accurately.
- Totally impartial in evaluation. They shall not allow friendship, affiliation, gender, race, national origin, or profession interfere with their decision.
- Trustworthy. They shall realize that they have been entrusted by the athletes and their families, and the Jamat to select the best talent to represent Canada.
- Knowledgeable about the sport. All evaluators will know the tangibles and intangibles of a particular athlete within a sport.
- Attentive. They shall pay close attention to each athlete, and not get distracted from their duties.

2.5 Spectators

Spectators should maintain a supportive atmosphere that motivates athletes, coaches/captains, officials/referees, organizers/administrator, evaluators and other spectators. All spectators will:

- Encourage athletes to play according to the rules.
- Refrain from negative communication with athletes, coaches/captains, officials/referees, organizers/administrators, evaluators and other spectators.
- Show respect for their teams'/athletes opponents.
- Never pose a distraction to athletes, coaches/captains, officials/referees, evaluators and organizers/administrators.
- Remain in the designated spectator sections.
- Not use foul language nor harass any players, coaches, officials/referees, organizers/administrators, evaluators or other spectators.
- Remember that athletes participate for their enjoyment. They are not competing to entertain the crowd.
- Give positive comments and motivate and encourage continued effort.
- Express disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches and officials. Belligerent behaviour, coarse language, or rude gestures will not be tolerated.

3.0 General Code of Conduct

The Tournament Organizers reserve the right to determine how a participant or a group of participants will be dealt with, and to what degree, should he/she violate the following rules of conduct, including eliminating the athlete from candidacy for the International Games.

3.1 In-Game Code of Conduct

Nature of Violation	Outcome
<p>Negative Conduct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - coaches and/or other agents of team have a responsibility to ensure that players or agents under their charge do not create or escalate incidents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sanctioning of agents if their actions are determined to have led to or escalated an incident on the field or otherwise
<p>Suspensions and Ejections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - game ejections delivered by referees and suspensions or ejections delivered by Tournament Organizers will be effective immediately - in the case of in-game suspensions a Tournament Official will escort players from the field of play - play will not resume until the Referee is satisfied that the suspended player has been properly removed - in-game decisions made by the referee regarding suspensions are deemed final and are not subject to appeal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - players suspended from games or ejected from the tournament may be denied access to tournament sites and events - players or agents of team that have been suspended or ejected from the tournament will not be allowed access to player's benches or to the field of play - if players that are ejected are allowed access to the spectator's viewing area they will be subject to the same regulations as any other spectator (see above) - any individual or team suspended or ejected from the tournament will not be entitled to any refund of registration or other fees
<p>Verbal Abuse or Abusive Language</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any participant verbally abusing another participant or tournament official using abusive or derogatory language will be ejected from the game if the offence occurs during a game
<p>Fighting / Physical Abuse</p>	<p>Athlete / Team / Agent of Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ejection from the tournament - further penalties may be delivered against the team (or its agent) whose player(s) or agent(s) have been ejected <p>Spectators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - removal from the tournament and may be denied re-entry

3.2 Out of Game Code of Conduct

The Canadian Ismaili Games Organizing Committee will enforce the following rules at their discretion. The CIG Committee is operating under a strict policy and will be acting on any of the following violations:

Nature of Violation	Outcome
Negative Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any negative conduct or conduct leading to the disrepute of the tournament at any tournament site or tournament event - any damages to or attempt to damage the facility 	Ejection from the tournament and at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Board ejection from all tournament activities and venues.
Smoking and Alcohol consumption and possession or consumption of Illegal Substances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All tournament related sites including non-gaming must be respected per the site requirements 	Ejection from the tournament and at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Board ejection from all tournament activities and venues.
Fighting / Physical Abuse	Ejection from the tournament and at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Board ejection from all tournament activities and venues.
Verbal Abuse or Abusive Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - any participant verbally abusing another participant or tournament official using abusive or derogatory language 	Ejection from the tournament and at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Board ejection from all tournament activities and venues.
Interference with play or with Tournament Officials from carrying out their duties	Ejection from the tournament and at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Board ejection from all tournament activities and venues. Removal from the tournament site and denial of entry for future tournament games or tournament events
Perceived or real safety threats	Ejection from the tournament and at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Board ejection from all tournament activities and venues.

3.3 Technical Area

Players, coaches, managers and trainers are required to remain within the boundaries of the technical area as determined by the first referee. Technical areas may vary between facilities, for example in size or location, and the following notes are issued for general guidance.

- It is recommended that markings are used to define this area.
- The number of persons permitted to occupy the technical area is defined by the competition rules.
- The occupants of the technical area are identified before the beginning of the game/set/match in accordance with the competition rules.
- Only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions and he/she must return to his/her position after giving these instructions.
- The coach and other officials must remain within the confines of the technical area except in special circumstances, for example, a physiotherapist or doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
- The coach and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner. There shall be no swearing and/or derogatory remarks (in any language) or scuffles towards anybody on the field as this may result in player(s) / coaching staff / team(s) being dismissed from the game and / or tournament. Use of foul language (swearing and / or derogatory remarks or scuffles) may result in a disciplinary action to the player(s) / coaching staff / team(s) or a red card depending on referee's judgment.

4.0 Rules and Regulations

4.1 Eligibility

Eligibility requirements established by the Tournament Organizers, and available on the CIG website, will be enforced. Eligibility requirements extend to all athletes, in both individual and team sports. An ineligible athlete, either in an individual sport or as a member of a team (including sitting on the bench), will cause an immediate forfeit of the respective game. Sport specific default rules will apply. Further to this, any participating athlete found ineligible will be disqualified from the Tournament. Should the athlete in question be part of a team, his/her team too shall be disqualified from the Tournament.

All athletes must have their Player Cards as well as one additional form of government issued photo identification with them at all times. Failure to produce these on demand at a game may render the athlete ineligible. The Tournament Organizers will make this determination.

To maintain a spirit of inclusiveness, and allow maximum participation at the Canadian Ismaili Games, some regions/teams have been merged for certain sport categories. This merging process has been approved by the Tournament Organizers. In addition, only officially approved teams drawn up prior to the roster submission deadline for the Games will be allowed to participate. Once at the Games, no team is allowed to take on extra players or merge with another region/team.

For Team Sports, players must register with the scorekeeper prior to entering play and can do so at any break in play or at intermission. A Player can only participate if he/she registers with the scorekeeper prior to the second half commencing. Players are only eligible to participate in Playoff matches if the player has participated in at least 1 Round Robin match.

4.2 Appeals

In-game decisions made by a Referee are not subject to Appeal. Any suspensions, ejections, or sanctions delivered by the Tournament Organizers may be appealed to the Dispute Resolution Board. All disputes will be heard and a decision rendered.

4.3 Uniforms

Advertising, images, words, or logos not approved by the Tournament Organizers will not be permitted on any article of clothing worn by players or agents of teams during competition including warm-ups and practice time at tournament sites and venues. At their discretion, Referees may deny athletes the right to compete if they are deemed to be wearing offensive or inappropriate clothing until that clothing is appropriately replaced.

All athletes in individual or team sports must wear at least the jersey representing their region during competition. Athletes are required to wear the applicable garment for their respective sports that conform to what is acceptable according to the rules of each sport. Preferably, and in the interest of standardization, all athletes playing in basketball or soccer are requested to bring two sets of shorts and socks, a dark colour and a light colour. Players

may choose at their discretion the colour of other articles of clothing as long as they are acceptable according to the rules of each sport.

All athletes in individual sports such as some Track and Field events, Tennis, Table Tennis, Squash, Chess, or Golf should wear any jersey/shirt that matches their respective region's colour during competition.

Athletes in individual sports such as Swimming, Wrestling, and some Track and Field events may wear sport specific clothing of any colour as long as they are acceptable according to the rules of each sport.

For all team sports each player must wear *identical* jerseys or shirts representing the colour of their region. The exception to this is the Soccer Goaltenders who will be provided with a slightly different jersey/uniform.

Footwear or other equipment is not to be considered part of the uniform for any sport and colours or brands used are at the discretion of individual athletes.

See sport specific sections for any other uniform guidelines that pertain to your sport.

4.4 Scheduling

Schedules will be provided prior to the tournament day.

All Schedules will be posted in a common area during the tournament. It is the team's / individual sport player's responsibility to check the posted schedule prior to all of their games for any potential changes.

If there are any scheduling discrepancies, such as conflicting games, incorrect number of games, etc., it is the team captain's / individual sport player's responsibility to notify the Tournament Officials prior to the tournament.

The Tournament Officials reserve the right to shorten game/event times, dates, alter venues and any other changes to the format to accommodate the completion of the event in a timely manner.

4.5 Game Check-in Procedure

Each individual player (individual sports) or team including ALL players on the roster and assigned Coach must present themselves to the Game/Race Check-in Desk no later than 15 minutes before the scheduled commencement of play. Game rosters must be submitted at this time. The official at the Check-in desk will ensure the Referee receives the submitted roster. Tournament Officials at the check-in desk will verify all Tournament Player Cards.

If a player or team and all its members by failing to be present at Check-in, organized with their roster and ready to have their cards checked 15 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement of the game, causes a delay to the scheduled start of a game the team will be penalized according to regulations below.

4.6 Starting Time of Games

If a team's roster has not been submitted to the check-in desk 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game and the Referee does not have the roster at the scheduled start of the game as a result of this the offending team will be determined to not be ready for play. If a team does not have the minimum number of individuals on the field of play at the scheduled start of the game the team will have be determined to not be ready for play.

"Ready to Play" means that a team must be on the playing area with a minimum number of players present to start a game/match. For individual sports the sport specific rules must also be adhered to for minimum number of player requirements to begin the game / match.

Additional team members that arrive during the game MUST check in at the scorekeeper's table and present their Tournament Player Cards, before they will be allowed to join the game. These team members MUST be on the original roster that was provided prior to the game.

The referee / official will notify both team captains, when the game is ready to start by blowing his/her whistle. If one team is not "ready to play" they will be allowed a 5 minute grace period from that time and be assessed a penalty as outlined in the sport-specific rules. After the 5 minute grace period, if a team is not ready to play a default win will be awarded to the opposing team.

The above rule will also apply to non-team sports, i.e. individual sports such as Tennis, Badminton, etc.

If a complete team refuses to play after being summoned to do so, it is declared in default and forfeits the game. A team is considered complete when the minimum numbers of players are present at the start of the game.

If a team fails to return to play following a regular game interval or a regular game interruption, for any reason other than a refusal, after being warned of the delay, the team shall be declared in default and forfeit that game.

4.7 Equitability of Scouting Opportunities

If a team game has been forfeited the two teams or players from the two teams may play a refereed exhibition game so as to ensure equitable scouting opportunities for all athletes. In this game, players from the two teams may be mixed and matched to form two even numbered teams. If the offending team has no players present the remaining team will have full use of the field and the referee to hold a team only exhibition game.

If an individual sport game has been forfeited the non-offending player(s) may use the court time for practice.

In the event of a late start game due to late check-in, the playing times will be reduced. Please refer to sport specific rules

Please print and have the following two pages with you at registration at the Canadian Ismaili Games

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For the complete Conduct Policy, please refer to www.theismaili.org/go/cig.

I hereby confirm that I have read the Conduct Policy in its entirety and shall abide by all stipulations set forth. Please read and check (v) each point. By signing below I also agree to:

Fair Play

- Play fairly whether it be as an athlete, evaluator, captain or coach, official or referee, or as a spectator

Code of Conduct

- Maintain a level of conduct both on and off playing venues befitting to the Games. I further understand that should I abuse or disrespect any venue / facility of the Games or my fellow participant, I shall be dealt with accordingly

Respect

- Respect the referees, officials and Tournament Organizers

Eligibility

- Check the eligibility criteria outlined on the National Sports Tournament Website, and ensure that I only participate as an athlete should I meet the criteria

Appeals

- Go through the proper protocol should I wish to appeal any decisions made by Tournament Organizers

Uniforms

- Wear only the official uniform of the Canadian Ismaili Games for my sport during all of my matches in the Games

Game Scheduling

- Check all schedules for my particular sport and report any conflicts to the Tournament Organizers, as soon as I am aware of them

Game Check-In

- Present myself at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of my game at the check in desk with all required identification in order to ensure a timely start to all matches

Scouting Opportunities

- Should either I or my team not be able to do so, and the game is forfeited, I understand that all non-defaulting players will be able to use either the court or the pitch to play an exhibition game to allow for equitable scouting opportunity for all players

Print Name in full

Participant's Signature

Date