

U.S. CUP TAEKWONDO TEAM TRIP

1st International Taekwondo Tournament
City of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
November 20-23, 2008

2008 U.S. CUP TEAM "CODE OF ETHICS"

To accomplish and instill a feeling of pride in each individual member, the following Code of Ethics is promulgated as a guide for team relationships, aims, and purposes:

1. As a member of the U.S. Cup Team, each individual must put aside personal feelings or differences, which he/she has with any team member, group member, or person with authority in the interest of presenting a united appearance and fostering camaraderie, morale, and mutual prosperity.
2. All team members shall pay strict attention to the instructions of the Head of Team or the officially designated person. Once a decision has been made, each individual team member is expected to comply without hesitation.
3. Team members shall endeavor to present themselves in good physical condition to the coach when the team is convening. Any injury or impediment affecting members' ability to compete should be immediately brought to the attention of the coach to eliminate loss of training time, etc...
4. Team members shall constantly strive to work as a group and shall not take part in an activity that tends to divide the team or omit all members from participation.
5. Team members may be called upon to give exhibitions to demonstrate the principles of fair and sportsmanship for the purpose of promoting good-will with foreign countries. Whenever this occurs, it will be arranged by the Head of Team, and will include the whole team.
6. Team members represent their country as unofficial ambassadors of good-will. This thought should be uppermost in the mind of each team member, especially in his/her relationship with foreign individuals, to include their customs, traditions and laws. Remember that the actions of the U.S. Cup Team Member in foreign countries can be a reflection on all U.S. citizens.
7. No statements to the press or public officials concerning team members or team activities should be made, unless they have been authorized by the Head of Team.
8. Each member of the U.S. Cup Team shall do his/her utmost to fulfill the philosophy of Taekwondo. The following quote from **Mr. George Bush, Former President** of the United States of America, outlines this philosophy: "Taekwondo provides an excellent method of achieving both physical and mental fitness. The lessons learned through Taekwondo--lessons of self-discipline, perseverance, and good sportsmanship--are ones that establish a strong foundation for successful lives. I commend all those participating for your dedication to excellence and commitment to achieving your full potential."

Signature

Date

Witness

Date