

## USA Table Tennis Code of Conduct

### ATHLETE PLEDGE

I pledge to uphold the USA Table Tennis Code of Conduct (the “Code”) as a guide to my conduct as a member of the 2010 National Team.

I acknowledge that I have a right to a hearing if my opportunity to compete is denied or if I am charged with a violation of this Code.

I further acknowledge that if I am found to be in violation of this Code, I may be subject to sanctions up to and including suspension or dismissal from the National Team.

I have familiarized myself with the Code and understand that acceptance of its provisions is a condition of my selection to the 2010 National Team.

**IN ORDER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, AN INDIVIDUAL MUST SIGN THIS CODE OF CONDUCT IN UNALTERED FORM IN ALL APPLICABLE PLACES.**

**As a Member of the Team, I hereby promise and agree that I:**

- will abide by all rules related to the Team selection procedures as approved by USA Table Tennis;
- have acted and will act in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with the spirit of fair play and responsible conduct;
- will maintain a level of fitness and competitive readiness that will permit my performance to be at the maximum of my abilities;
- will not commit a doping violation as defined by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) or the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rules;
- am not currently serving a doping violation and/or do not have a pending or unresolved doping charge; and I understand that a suspension, or pending or unresolved anti-doping rule violation may be cause for my not being selected to the National team

- will not engage in any conduct that is criminal under any laws applicable to me, including, but not limited to laws governing the possession and use of drugs and alcohol and providing of drugs to any person and of alcohol to minors;
- have never been convicted of violating a criminal law and have no pending indictment or a pending charge, except as I have listed on Attachment A (except for misdemeanors, which, if known, would not be a factor in my selection as a Team member or convictions as a minor which have been legally sealed), and I understand that such conviction, indictment or criminal charge may be cause for my not being selected to the Team;
- am eligible to compete under the rules of International Table Tennis Federation
- will have a valid USA passport for the duration of the time I am a National Team member.
- will refrain from conduct detracting from my ability or that of my teammates to attain peak performance;
- will respect the property of others whether personal or public;
- will respect members of my Team, other teams, spectators and officials, and engage in no form of discriminatory behavior or verbal, physical or sexual harassment or abuse;
- will follow my Team's rules and programs including by way of example: rules regarding curfew, training, required attendance at team meetings, training and competition programs;
- will play whenever I am selected and will not default or refuse to play when asked by the coach. I understand that if I refuse to play other than for reasons of illness or injury, I may be liable for sanctions up to and including dismissal from the team and/or suspension of my association membership."
- am aware that USA Table Tennis sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, I will wear designated USA Table Tennis apparel at all official Team functions and events;
- will not conceal or cover-up any USA Table Tennis sponsor, supplier or licensee brand or other identification appearing on my USA Table Tennis apparel;
- agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Table Tennis under conditions authorized by USA Table Tennis and give event organizers and USA Table Tennis the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I

participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may USA Table Tennis or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission;

- will not use or authorize the use of photographs, films or videos of myself in my USA Table Tennis apparel or equipment or the use of the USA Table Tennis logo for the purpose of trade, without the prior written consent of the USA Table Tennis (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld);
- will not act as a journalist, media liaison or in any other media capacity during the time I represent USA as National Team member.
- understand that if I require legal representation because I am accused of a doping violation or am accused of criminal misconduct, or if for any other reason I require the services of an attorney, I will be personally responsible for payment of all such legal fees and expenses;
- will act in a way that will bring respect and honor to myself, my teammates, USA Table Tennis and the United States; and
- will remember that at all times I am an ambassador for my sport, my country and the Olympic Movement.

#### **ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN**

I may contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman,  
toll free at 888.ATHLETE (888.284.5383) or [John.Ruger@usoc.org](mailto:John.Ruger@usoc.org)  
for further information regarding my rights under this Code  
that are not answered by USA Table Tennis.

I am aware of the USATT complaint procedure set by the USATT Bylaws.

#### **PARTICIPANTS' AFFIRMATION**

I have read and accept this Code of Conduct in its unaltered form. I agree to the rules, guidelines, jurisdiction and procedures stated in these documents as a condition of being selected to participate as a member of the USA National Team.

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Signature

Date

1/15/2010

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Athlete's Name (print)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION</b> <b>(For Participants Under the Age of 18 as of Date of Signature)</b></p>
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Signature

Date

Relationship (Parent or Guardian)

USA Table Tennis Representative

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title (print) \_\_\_\_\_