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Charter of Good Conduct



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1. PURPOSE

1.1. Commonwealth Sport (“CS”) has adopted this Charter (as referred to in Clause 4.1.6 of the CS Code of Ethics and Conduct and Clause 3.f in the Entry and Eligibility Conditions Form for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games) in order to further its Vision and Mission and to support and uphold its Core Values.

2. INTERPRETATION

2.1. This Charter is intended not to replace other laws and regulations (including national laws), International Federation (“IF”) or Commonwealth Games Association (“CGA”) rules and regulations, or other CS rules such as the Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Instead, this Charter is intended to supplement them with further rules of conduct for those attending the 2026 Commonwealth Games, in order to ensure the highest standards of conduct apply and to maintain public confidence in the image and integrity of the Commonwealth Sports Movement and the Commonwealth Games. Where this Charter refers to other CS policies, it should be read together with those documents.

3. PERSONS BOUND BY THIS CHARTER

3.1. This Charter applies in its entirety to all Participants at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, including all individuals accredited to the Commonwealth Games in Aa, Ab, Ac, Ao, B, J and P accreditation categories.

3.2. All Participants will be bound by and required to comply with this Charter during the Games Period.



4. COMMONWEALTH SPORT VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

4.1. The vision of Commonwealth Sport is “Our Commonwealth, united through sport”.

4.2. CS takes a global leadership role in uniting the Commonwealth’s athletes, citizens and communities through the transformative and connecting power of sport.

4.3. CS’s vision, mission and core values are inspired by the diversity and dynamism of the Commonwealth itself - a voluntary association of 74 nations and territories - and its enduring commitment to human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

4.4. Sport underpins the unique connections and friendships which bring together a third of the world’s population as citizens of the nations and territories of the Commonwealth. Among the Commonwealth’s membership are some of the world’s largest and smallest countries, from India, with over 1.45 billion people to Niue with a population of 1,800. More than 60% of the Commonwealth citizens are under 30.

4.5. Each individual participating at the 2026 Commonwealth Games is required to uphold the CS’s core values of Humanity, Equality and Destiny, and in so doing contribute to the positive impact of the Commonwealth Sport Movement.

4.6. The Commonwealth Athlete Oath is as follows: ‘We declare that we will take part in the Commonwealth Games in the true spirit of sport, recognising the rules which govern them and desirous of participating in them for the honour of our Commonwealth and for the glory of sport.’

4.7. Accordingly, this Charter of Good Conduct sets out the expected behaviours and conduct of all Participants. It is designed to promote the highest possible standard of competition, sportsmanship, fairness and behaviour at the 2026 Commonwealth Games.



5. INTEGRITY OF THE COMPETITION

5.1. Participants shall respect the rules of the sport and the event regulations.

5.2. Participants shall not by themselves or through collusion with any party achieve or attempt any competition manipulation. For further information, see the CS Code on Prevention of Manipulation of Competition.

5.3. Participants shall always conduct themselves in a professional manner, respecting all officials and competitors.

5.4. Participants shall refrain from any behaviours or engage in any activity, whether before, during or after an event or competition (including during training and other activities), that would impair public confidence in the honest and orderly conduct of events and competitions or in the integrity and good character of the Commonwealth Games and its Participants.

5.5. Participants shall observe all relevant rules, policies and guides of CS and the 2026 Commonwealth Games including, but not limited to:

- A. The CS Constitution;
- B. CS Anti-Doping Rules;
- C. CS No Needle Policy;
- D. CS Social Media Policy and Guidelines;
- E. CS Safeguarding Policy;
- F. CS Code on Prevention of Manipulation of Competition;
- G. Any applicable Health and Safety regulations.

5.6. A breach of any of the listed rules, policies or guides shall be considered a breach of the Charter of Good Conduct and shall be considered under the Federation Court Procedural and Jurisdiction Rules.

5.7. Participants shall not in any circumstances, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit, service or gift of any nature that could be considered as a bribe or undue influence.

5.8. Participants shall refrain from gambling, betting or providing inside information to anybody that could use that information to influence or attempt to manipulate a sporting event for inappropriate or illegal reasons.

6. PERSONAL CONDUCT

6.1. Participants shall respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.

6.2. Participants shall always uphold the laws of the host nation and act in a lawful manner.

6.3. Participants shall refrain from encouraging or supporting others to break the law of the host nation.

6.4. Participants shall respect the sanctity of the Team Hotels and the needs of fellow competitors to rest and properly prepare for their competitions.

6.5. Participants shall respect the environment of the host city, Commonwealth Games Team Hotels and Games Venues.

6.6. Participants shall read and adhere to the conduct policies outlined by Glasgow 2026 and CS.

6.7. Participants shall not discriminate against any country, nation, territory or person on any grounds whatsoever, such as age, ability or disability, gender, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation, language,

socio-economic background or identity.

6.8. Participants shall refrain from any behaviours which are likely to intimidate, offend, insult, threaten, coerce, bully or humiliate another person on grounds such as age, ability or disability, gender, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation, language, socio-economic background or identity.



7. ATHLETE ADVOCACY

7.1. CS recognises that athletes are inspirational leaders, agents of change, advocates for integrity ambassadors for respect, non-discrimination, impartiality, and Commonwealth values.

7.2. CS is supportive of freedom of expression and trusts, respects and understands that athletes may want to make positive expressions of their values in line with the CS values of Humanity, Equality and Destiny.

7.3. Any infringement or alleged infringement of Commonwealth Sport's Athlete Advocacy Policy shall be deemed a breach of this Charter of Good Conduct.

8. DUTY TO REPORT

8.1. If anyone considers the Charter of Good Conduct has been breached by a Participant, this should be reported via ethics@commonwealthsport.com as soon as possible.

8.2. The matter shall be investigated by the Ethics Officer and will be considered under the Federation Court Procedural and Jurisdiction Rules.

9. SANCTIONS

9.1. An infringement or alleged infringement of the Charter of Good Conduct will be handled in accordance with the CS Federation Court Procedural Rules.



DEFINITIONS

Commonwealth Games Association:

An affiliated Commonwealth Games Association as defined in Commonwealth Sport's Articles of Association as 'Affiliated CGAs'.

Commonwealth Sports Movement:

CS, Affiliated CGAs, Organising Committees / Companies, Commonwealth Sports Foundation and other partner organisations whose collective vision is to build peaceful, sustainable and prosperous communities across the Commonwealth through sport.

Games Period: The period commencing on 19 July 2026, up until and including the day of the closing ceremony of the 2026 Commonwealth Games on 2 August 2026.

Games Venues: Those venues so designated by CS as official 2026 Commonwealth Games venues for which it is necessary to have an accreditation, ticket or permission from CS and any other areas that are specifically designated as such by CS. These include, but are not limited to, Hutcheson Grammar School Beaton Road, Hutcheson's at Pollok Park, Scotstoun Stadium, SEC Halls 1-5, Tollcross International Swimming Centre, The Armadillo, The Arena, The Hydro and The Velodrome.



Participants: Any person who accepts or assumes a function in CS, or in association with CS, or who is engaged in any capacity under the jurisdiction of CS regardless of whether it is a voluntary or paid position, elected or appointed, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes: Affiliated CGAs; athletes eligible for nomination to, or forming part of, any team participating in sport competitions over which CS has jurisdiction; persons working with those teams or athletes, including coaches, trainers, managers, agents, team officials and staff, medical and paramedical personnel working with or treating athletes participating in or preparing for sports competitions, and all other persons working with athletes, and sports technical officials; CS employees and persons under contract with CS; CS Officials, Umpires, Referees, Jury Members and Technical Delegates; any person who is the owner of, a shareholder in, an executive or a staff member of the entities which organise and/or promote sports competitions; and any other accredited or engaged persons, the Host City Organising Company staff and volunteer or where appropriate, other competent sports organisations that recognise the competition.

Team Hotels: This includes the Courtyard, Clayton, Crowne Plaza, Glasgow Marriott, Hilton DoubleTree, Hilton Garden Inn, Ibis Central, Ibis Glasgow City, Leonardo Royal, Maldron, Mercure, Novotel, Moxy, Premier Inn, Radisson Blu, Radisson Red, Village Glasgow, Voco and any other hotel where an Athlete is staying during the Games Period.



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