

The Ohio State University Powerlifting Club

Athlete Code of Conduct Agreement – 2025–2026 Season

Purpose:

As a representative of The Ohio State University (OSU) Powerlifting Club, all athletes are expected to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, sportsmanship, and team integrity throughout the 2025–2026 season. Membership in this organization is a privilege, not a right. This agreement outlines the expectations and responsibilities of each general member and athlete of the OSU Powerlifting Club.

1. Professional Conduct & Representation

Athletes are expected to represent OSU with dignity, integrity, and respect at all times during training, travel, competitions, and club-related events.

- Disrespectful, aggressive, or disruptive behavior toward fellow athletes, coaches, officials, or club officers will not be tolerated.
 - Athletes must follow all local laws, university policies, and instructions from coaches, executive board members, and event staff at club activities or meets.
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2. Bullying, Harassment & Discrimination

OSU Powerlifting has a zero-tolerance policy regarding:

- Bullying: Verbal, physical, or social intimidation or exclusionary behavior toward teammates or others.
- Harassment: Unwelcome conduct including but not limited to verbal abuse, slurs, threats, or gestures.
- Discrimination: Any discriminatory actions based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or identity.

Violation of this clause will result in immediate review and potential suspension or removal from the club.

3. Social Media Conduct

Athletes are expected to maintain respectful and responsible behavior on all social media platforms. This includes:

- No public disparagement of OSU, teammates, coaches, executive board, or affiliated programs.
- No sharing of confidential or sensitive team discussions, disputes, or internal communications.
- Posts should reflect positively on OSU and align with the values of the club.

4. Sportsmanship & Event Decorum

As student-athletes:

- Athletes must demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times—this includes respecting opponents, officials, volunteers, and event staff.
- Any unsportsmanlike behavior including taunting, aggressive gestures, or verbal abuse is grounds for disciplinary action.

5. Compliance with Team Safety and Logistics

- Athletes must comply with club expectations regarding safety, travel logistics, meet check-ins, curfews (if set by leadership), and deadlines for paperwork or competition registration.
- Failure to comply with team plans or university safety policies may result in restricted participation or disciplinary action.

6. Fundraising, Participation & Nationals Eligibility

To remain in good standing and be eligible for Collegiate Nationals participation or club financial support, athletes must meet the following requirements each semester:

- Attend at least two (2) club events such as fundraisers, social events, or community engagement opportunities

- Attend at least two (2) team practices

Athletes who do not meet these minimum participation standards or who violate this Code of Conduct will not be eligible to represent OSU Powerlifting at University Nationals or receive team-managed financial support (e.g., from fundraising, apparel sales, or reimbursement pools).

7. Violations & Consequences

Failure to comply with the OSU Powerlifting Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Forfeiture of eligibility to participate in OSU-sponsored meets or events
 - Temporary suspension from OSU Powerlifting Club membership and activities
 - Permanent removal from the club in cases of severe or repeated violations
 - For Executive Board members, probation may result in removal from office
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Acknowledgment & Agreement

By signing below, I confirm that I have read and understood this Code of Conduct. I agree to uphold the values and expectations of The Ohio State University Powerlifting Club and accept the consequences of any violations.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____