

**CODE OF CONDUCT  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION**

*Adopted by the Board of Governors on September 22, 2018*

The United States Polo Association (the “USPA”) strives to maintain the highest standard of conduct in all of its operations and, accordingly, has established the following code of conduct (this “Code of Conduct”) for all of the Member Clubs and Individual Members:

- (1) Always respect the game and all USPA Rules.
- (2) Always respect your teammates, opponents, officials, and fellow Members.
- (3) Always demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- (4) Always consider the welfare of the horses.
- (5) Always respect the Member Clubs and the Member Club facilities.
- (6) Always compete without the use of drugs or alcohol.
- (7) Always compete to win.
- (8) Always demonstrate respect and good citizenship toward other Association Members in all Association-related communications, including, but not limited to, discourse at Association meetings.
- (9) Always adhere to and comport yourself in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Constitution, Rules, terms and conditions of the Membership Application, Code of Conduct, and other policies of the Association, all as in effect from time to time.
- (10) Always act in a manner that is in the best interests of the Association and the sport of polo. An Individual Member shall be deemed to have not acted in the best interests of the Association and the sport of polo where such Individual Member:
  - A. Acts, or incites any other Member to act, in a manner contrary to the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, Constitution, Rules, terms and conditions of the Membership Application, or this Code of Conduct;
  - B. Acts, or incites any other Member to act, in a manner deemed to be improper, unethical, dishonest, unsportsmanlike, intemperate, or prejudicial to the best interests of the sport or the Association;
  - C. Acts, or incites any other Member to act, in a manner deemed by the USPA to be abusive or neglectful of a horse or other animal;

- D. Publishes, or incites any other Member to publish, in social media or elsewhere, statements, comments, or remarks considered to be offensive or made with the intent to influence or cast aspersions on the character or integrity of the Association, an Individual Member, a Member Club, or an official of the sport; or
- E. Discloses, or incites any other Member to disclose, confidential internal Association business or information to a third party not otherwise privy to such business or information.

### **Compliance with this Code of Conduct**

As a condition of continued membership, Members have a duty to behave appropriately and to be mindful that their public behavior reflects on the Association and the sport of polo. This Code of Conduct shall apply to each of the Member Clubs and the Individual Members at all times, both on and off the playing field. Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action pursuant to the By-laws and the policies adopted by the Board of Governors, each as in effect from time to time.

### **Definitions**

Any capitalized terms used in this Code of Conduct and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Constitution or the By-laws of the USPA.