



## **Athlete Code of Conduct**

In consideration of my participation in the Valor Games Far West, I understand that I will be representing myself, other Veterans, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Northern California Paralympic Regional Sport program, and Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association. I understand it is a privilege to compete in the Valor Games.

I understand that if I am found in violation of the Code of Conduct, I may be immediately disqualified from the event and sent home at my own expense. Depending on the type of violation, I may be prohibited from competing in future Valor Games events.

To submit my application, and if selected to compete, I must agree to abide by the Valor Games Far West Code of Conduct as detailed below.

1. I understand that I am subject to a background check.
2. I will behave in a professional, courteous, and respectful manner toward fellow participants, staff, volunteers, and event spectators.
3. I understand that no form of abuse or harassment, whether it is verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, will be tolerated.
4. As this is a sporting competition and the VGFW is committed to supporting each athlete to compete at his or her highest level, I will refrain from the consumption of alcohol or illegal substances during the VGFW.
5. I will respect all property at the event, including that of my fellow Veterans. I understand that I am responsible for any damage that I cause. This includes smoking in non-smoking hotel rooms.
6. I will abide by all sport rules and regulations, as published on the event website.
7. I will abide by the decisions of the event officials and Organizing Committee.
8. I understand that if I am late to scheduled events, I may forfeit my participation. Further, if I am late to ground transportation, it is my responsibility to coordinate alternate transportation to get to the event location, at my own expense.
9. I will only travel with a caregiver if it is medically necessary. I understand that due to the costs associated with the event, bringing a caregiver who is not needed for travel or competition means that another Veteran will not be able to attend.
10. If I am traveling with a service animal, I understand that I am responsible for handling my service animal under the ADA guidelines. I understand that dogs whose sole purpose is to provide emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and are therefore not permitted at the event.



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11. If I am not able to attend the Valor Games, I will contact the event staff via email or phone ASAP. I understand that if I am approved, do not cancel my participation and do not show up, I am taking away the opportunity for another Veteran to attend, and in the future may not be eligible to participate.