



## **Conflict of Interest Policy**

### **SECTION 1. POLICY STATEMENT**

**State Archers of California (SAC)** is committed to sustaining a State Association free of conflicts of interest and perceived conflicts of interest. Each Decision Maker (as defined below) has the responsibility to administer the affairs of **SAC** honestly and prudently, and to exercise their best care, skill, and judgment for the sole benefit of **SAC**. Those persons shall exercise the utmost good faith in all transactions involved in their duties, and they shall not use their positions with **SAC** or knowledge gained there from for their personal benefit. The interests of the organization must be the first priority in all decisions and actions. **SAC** requires that any of its Decision Makers recognize, attempt to avoid activities or investments that involve, might appear to involve, or could result in a potential conflict of interest.

A “**Conflict of Interest**” or “**Conflict**” exists when a Decision Maker acts on behalf of **SAC** in connection with a transaction to which **SAC** is a party, where the Decision Maker’s actions or relationships present the potential for improper personal gain or advantage, or for an adverse effect on the interests of **SAC**, or where the Decision Maker’s actions or relationships create the appearance that the Decision Maker will not be able to put **SAC**’s interests first. A “**conflict of interest**” also exists in the context of athlete or team selection when a Decision Maker participates in a selection decision that involves or impacts an athlete with whom the Decision Maker has a direct or indirect relationship, or when a Decision Maker participates in a benefits or services allocation decision that directly impacts the Decision Maker.

This policy does not attempt to provide an exhaustive list of every possible circumstance that might give rise to a conflict of interest, but provides examples of situations that create conflicts of interest as a guide to the types of transactions (a “**transaction**” is any contract, transaction, agreement or relationship involving the sale or purchase of goods, services, event rights or rights of any kind, the providing or receipt of a grant or loan, or the establishment of any other financial relationship with **SAC**) and/or relationships that can create conflicts of interest.

## **SECTION 2. PERSONS CONCERNED**

This Conflict of Interest Policy is applicable to all **SAC** Decision Makers. “**Decision Makers**” include, but are not limited to, members of **SAC**’s Board of Directors (the Board of **SAC**), officers, committee members, contractors and volunteers. Failure to sign the Conflict of Interest Policy shall result in not being seated on the board or a committee.

## **SECTION 3. AREAS IN WHICH CONFLICTS MAY ARISE**

Conflicts of interest may arise in the relations of Decision Makers with any of the following third parties: (1) Persons and firms supplying goods and services to **SAC**; (2) Persons and firms from whom **SAC** leases property and equipment; (3) Persons and firms with whom **SAC** is dealing or planning to deal in connection with the gift, purchase or sale of real estate, securities or other property; (4) Competing or affinity organizations; (5) Donors and others supporting **SAC**; (6) Agencies, organizations, and associations which affect the operations of **SAC**; or (7) Family members, friends, and other employees. A “**Family Member**” is defined as a spouse, parent, child or a spouse of a child, brother, sister, or spouse of a brother or sister, of a Decision Maker.

A conflicting interest may be defined as an interest, direct or indirect, with any persons or firms mentioned above. The list below is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of every instance that may create a conflict of interest, but, rather, is simply a sample of the types of relationships and activities that could create a conflict of interest. If a Decision Maker or other disclosing individual has any question as to whether a relationship or activity may create a conflict of interest, a disclosure must be made. A potential conflict of interest might exist in the following circumstances:

- 1) Owning stock or holding debt or other proprietary interests in any third party dealing or potentially dealing with **SAC**.

**EXAMPLE:** When a **SAC** board member owns an interest in a company or club seeking to enter into a contract to provide consulting or event services to **SAC**.

- 2) Owning a business, maintaining a second job, or providing goods or services under a provider, contractor, or consulting agreement, whereby the outside business provides goods or services to **SAC**.

**EXAMPLE:** When **SAC** is contemplating entering into an agreement for the provision of consulting services by a board member of **SAC**.

- 3) Holding office, serving on the board, participating in management, or being otherwise employed (or formerly employed) with any third party dealing with **SAC**.

**EXAMPLE:** When a **SAC** board member is the CEO of a company or club negotiating a contract to provide services to **SAC**.

- 4) Receiving remuneration for services with respect to individual transactions involving SAC.

**EXAMPLE:** When a SAC board member gets paid a commission if SAC enters into a particular contract with a third party.

- 5) Using SAC's time, personnel, equipment, supplies, information or data (including member data), assets, resources or goodwill for anything other than SAC-approved activities, programs, and purposes.

**EXAMPLE:** When a SAC board member uses SAC equipment for a club shoot.

- 6) Soliciting or receiving personal gifts, loans, gratuities, or discounts from third parties in violation of SAC's Gift & Entertainment Policy. No personal gift of money should ever be accepted.

**EXAMPLE:** When a company trying to obtain a contract to provide services to SAC provides a \$100 gift certificate to a SAC board member who would be voting on whether SAC should execute the contract in question.

**EXAMPLE:** Asking for box seats or field of play access to a sporting event because of your position on SAC's board of directors.

**EXAMPLE:** Accepting tickets to an NFL game worth \$250 from a business seeking to obtain a contract to provide IT services for SAC events.

- 7) Acting (or having a family member act) as an agent, representative, or consultant to a business whose interests may conflict with the interests of SAC.

**EXAMPLE:** when a SAC board member agrees to promote another Club in negotiations with potential sponsors or licensees.

**EXAMPLE:** when the spouse of an SAC board member works for or is an investor in a company that competes with SAC or that provides services to a company that competes with SAC.

- 8) Having (or having a family member with) a business relationship with a sponsor, supplier, licensee, or vendor of SAC.

**EXAMPLE:** when a family member provides legal services to one of SAC's sponsors or donors.

- 9) Awarding SAC business to, or provide favorable treatment to, a business owned or controlled by a volunteer, family member, or personal friend.

**EXAMPLE:** Awarding an event security contract to your family member's business.

- 10) Having activities or interests, whether direct or indirect, that interfere with or

influence, or have the potential to interfere with or influence, a Decision Maker's responsibilities on behalf of SAC or to undermine the interests of SAC.

**EXAMPLE:** A SAC board member has a significant client who owns or operates a facility being considered as the host of a SAC event.

**EXAMPLE:** A Decision Maker serves on a hearing panel or appeal panel involving discipline against a member of the Decision Maker's club / team / family.

**EXAMPLE:** An athlete is the potential recipient of benefits or services that are being allocated by SAC and participates in the allocation decision.

#### **SECTION 4. INTERPRETATION OF THIS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

The areas of conflicting interest and relations in those areas which may give rise to a conflict, as listed in Section 3, are not exhaustive. Decision Makers should, in the first instance, attempt to avoid all relationships and activities which may give rise to a potential conflict of interest, whether or not listed expressly in Section 3.

However, the fact that one of the interests described in Section 3 exists does not necessarily mean that a conflict exists, or that the conflict, if it exists, is material enough to be of practical importance, or if material, that upon full disclosure of all relevant facts and circumstances it is necessarily adverse to the interests of SAC. However, it is SAC's policy that the existence of any of the interests described or similar in nature to those described in Section 3 shall be disclosed before any transaction is consummated or any vote taken on an action, contract, relationship, or decision that would give rise to the potential conflict of interest. It shall be the continuing responsibility of each Decision Maker to scrutinize his/her transactions and outside business interests and relationships for potential conflicts and to immediately make such disclosures.

##### ***For Athletes With Questions Regarding This Conflict of Interest Policy:***

The Athlete Ombudsman provides cost-free, independent and confidential advice regarding athlete rights; resolving disputes or grievances; and any sport rule, policy, or process, including NGB-athlete agreements, codes of conduct or team selection procedures. The Athlete Ombudsman can also help athletes connect with legal counsel or mental health resources if needed. Athletes may contact the Athlete Ombudsman at:

PHONE: (719) 866-5000

EMAIL: [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org)

WEBSITE: [www.usathlete.org](http://www.usathlete.org)

## **SECTION 5. DISCLOSURE POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

In addition to the mandatory disclosures required from each Decision Maker under Section 10 and Section 11 of this policy, any individual with a good faith belief that a Decision Maker has a conflict of interest may notify **SAC** of such perceived conflict pursuant to the procedures set forth below. Such notice may be provided anonymously. Furthermore, should any Decision Maker become aware of any undisclosed conflict of interest, or any conflict of interest not fully disclosed, such person should make full disclosure of their knowledge of the conflict of interest involved to **the SAC Board of Directors**.

Disclosure should be made to the SAC Board of Directors, which shall bring the matter to the attention of any other relevant party as necessary.

After disclosure of the conflict or potential conflict of interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, the SAC Board of Directors shall decide if a conflict of interest exists pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 6 below, as applicable, and if there are mitigating measures that could be implemented to permit **SAC** to move forward with the transaction or activity.

Transactions with parties with whom a conflicting interest exists may be undertaken only if all of the following, at a minimum, are observed:

- 1) The conflicting interest is fully disclosed;
- 2) The person with the conflict of interest is excluded from the discussion and approval of such transaction;
- 3) A competitive bid or comparable valuation exists; and
- 4) The SAC Board of Directors has determined that the transaction is in the best interest of the organization pursuant to Section 6 below.

## **SECTION 6. PROCEDURES FOR ADDRESSING POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO TRANSACTIONS OR BUSINESS OF SAC**

In the event a possible conflict of interest exists with respect to a proposed transaction, promptly and before any decision is made regarding the proposed transaction, the proposed transaction shall be addressed as follows:

- 1) The interested person may make a presentation to the SAC Board of Directors, which may be convened telephonically, regarding the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- 2) The SAC Board of Directors shall review alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement as presented to the SAC Board of Directors by the board, staff, or relevant committee.
- 3) After exercising due diligence, the SAC Board of Directors shall determine whether **SAC** can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a

conflict of interest.

- 4) If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the SAC Board of Directors shall determine by a majority vote whether the transaction or arrangement is in SAC's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination, the SAC Board of Directors shall inform the board or committee whether there is a conflict of interest precluding SAC from entering into the transaction or arrangement, or if there are mitigating measures that may be implemented to alleviate concerns regarding the potential conflict of interest.
- 5) The person with the conflict of interest is excluded from the discussion and approval of such transaction;
- 6) A competitive bid or comparable valuation exists; and
- 7) The SAC Board of Directors has determined that the transaction is in the best interest of the organization pursuant to Section 6 below.
- 8) The person with the conflict of interest is excluded from the discussion and approval of such transaction;
- 9) A competitive bid or comparable valuation exists; and
- 10) The SAC Board of Directors has determined that the transaction is in the best interest of the organization pursuant to Section 6 below.

## **SECTION 7. VIOLATIONS OF THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY**

- 1) If the SAC Board of Directors has reasonable cause to believe a Decision Maker has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall promptly inform the Decision Maker of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- 2) If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the SAC Board of Directors determines the Decision Maker has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action. The SAC Board of Directors decision shall be final.
- 3) While any such failure to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest is under investigation, the Decision Maker shall be precluded from engaging in further decisions of SAC that bear any relation whatsoever to the matter that is the subject of the actual or possible conflict of interest.

## **SECTION 8. RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS:**

The minutes of the SAC Board of Directors meetings shall contain:

- 1) The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict of interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the SAC Board of Directors decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed; and
- 2) The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, or selection process, the content of the discussion (including, but not limited to, an analysis of the fairness and reasonableness of the transaction or arrangement in question, or the fairness of having the individual participate in the selection process), including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

## **SECTION 9. FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS:**

Any person who makes a false or malicious allegation of a violation of this policy (as opposed to allegations made in good faith, even if erroneous) will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **SECTION 10. ANNUAL STATEMENTS**

Each Decision Maker shall annually sign and submit to the SAC President a statement, using the form attached hereto, which affirms such person:

- 1) Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy;
- 2) Has read and understands the policy;
- 3) Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- 4) Understands that **SAC** is a charitable organization and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes. Each annual disclosure shall be reviewed and addressed by the SAC Board.
- 5) Any actual, perceived, or potential conflict of interest should be disclosed in the annual statement.
- 6) Any new **SAC** board or committee member shall submit a conflict of interest disclosure statement within 14 days of his or her appointment by **SAC**. Any other new Decision Maker shall submit a conflict of interest disclosure statement by the earlier of 14 days after his or her appointment or his or her first board, committee, or task force meeting. In no event shall a Decision Maker participate in any decisions to commit **SAC** to a proposed transaction or in event hosting decisions or awards processes prior to submission of his or her conflict of interest disclosure statement.
- 7) **SAC** shall maintain copies of all Annual Statements submitted under this

Section 10.

**SECTION 11. PERIODIC STATEMENTS / UPDATES**

- 1) On an annual basis SAC shall send out and collect Conflict of Interest forms. Except as set forth below, all forms will be submitted to the President of the SAC Board of Directors. The SAC Board of Directors shall review all forms to determine if any conflict exists. If no conflict of interest exists, the President of the SAC Board of Directors will sign and date the forms. If there is a conflict, he or she will escalate the issue to the Board of Directors. The SAC Board of Directors will keep minutes of the Conflict of Interest determination meeting(s), and return all completed forms to the SAC Secretary for safekeeping. With regard to a President's conflict of interest forms, they may be reviewed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will review the forms to determine if any conflict exists. If no conflict of interest, the Vice President will sign and date the form. The Vice President will return all completed forms to the SAC Secretary for safekeeping.
- 2) Each director, officer, committee member, task force member, hearing panel member, and contractor shall submit to SAC a signed statement as necessary describing: (a) any groups such person is affiliated with as board members (even if appointed by SAC), and (b) any new potential conflicts of interest as and when such potential conflicts of interest arises. SAC shall maintain copies of all Periodic Statements or updates submitted under this Section 11 and refer applicable statement updates to the President of the SAC Board of Directors for review to determine if any conflict exists.

**SECTION 12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 1) For questions regarding this Conflict of Interest Policy please contact the President of the SAC Board of Directors.

**STATE ARCHERS OF CALIFORNIA CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a member of **SAC** and/or serve **SAC** in the following manner(s):

- Board of Directors
- Committee Member  
Please specify which committee(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Task Force Member  
Please specify which task force(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hearing Panel Member  
Please specify which hearing panel(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Employee
- Volunteer
- Athlete Representative
- Contractor
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I attest to the following:

- I have received the **SAC** Conflict of Interest Policy (the “Policy”).
- I have read and understand the Policy.
- I agree to comply with the Policy.
- I understand that **SAC** is a charitable organization and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

*Note: This disclosure statement also requires you to provide information with respect to certain other parties that are related to you. These persons are called “affiliated persons” and include, but are not limited to:*

- a) *Your spouse, domestic partner, child, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, cousin or other blood relative;*
- b) *Any corporation or organization of which you are a board member, an officer, a partner, participate in management or are employed by, or are, directly or indirectly, a debt holder or beneficial owner of any class of equity securities; and*
- c) *Any trust or other estate in which you have a substantial beneficial interest or as to which you serve as a trustee or in a similar capacity.*

1. Have you or any of your affiliated persons provided services (other than board/committee/taskforce/hearingpanel/employee/contractor/volunteer service) or property to **SAC** in the past year?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the nature of the services or property, and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

2. Have you or any of your affiliated persons purchased services or property from **SAC** in the past year?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the purchased services or property, and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

3. Please indicate whether you or any of your affiliated persons had any direct or indirect interest in any business transaction(s) in the past year to which **SAC** was or is a party.

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the transaction, and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

4. Were you or any of your affiliated persons indebted to pay money to SAC at any time in the past year (other than travel advances or the like)?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the indebtedness, and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

5. In the past year, did you or any of your affiliated persons receive, or become entitled to receive, directly or indirectly, any personal benefits from SAC or as a result of your relationship with SAC, that in the aggregate could be valued in excess of \$1,000, that were not or will not be compensation directly related to your duties to SAC?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the benefit(s), and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

6. Are you or any of your affiliated persons a party to or do you or your affiliated persons have an interest in any pending legal proceedings involving SAC?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the proceeding(s), and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

7. Are you aware of any other events, transactions, arrangements or other situations that have occurred or may occur in the future that you believe should be examined by SAC's board in accordance with the terms and intent of SAC's Conflict of Interest Policy?

YES

NO

If yes, please describe the situation(s), and, if an affiliated person is/was involved, the identity of the affiliated person and your relationship to that person:

If there is any relationship or matter not disclosed above, which might be perceived to compromise your obligations to SAC under USA Archery's Code of Ethics or which may raise questions of a conflict between your duty and loyalty to SAC and your economic self-interest, please indicate here what that relationship or matter is. If none, please state "none".

I HERBY CONFIRM that my responses to the above questions are complete and correct to the best of my information and belief. I agree that if I become aware of any information that might indicate that this disclosure is inaccurate or that I have not complied with this policy, I will notify the Board President (as applicable) immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_