



GB AESTHETIC GROUP
GYMNASTICS FEDERATION

Judge Code

1. Code of Ethics

An IFAGG Judge should be fair, honest and impartial in all activities and decisions concerning every competitor participating in an event. IFAGG Judges participate in an event as an official of the sport and their role is to apply the rules of the sport to the best of their ability. All judges are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

A Judge will:

- Understand and abide by the IFAGG Competition Rules of AGG
- Be able to apply the IFAGG Competition Rules of AGG and any published amendments or interpretations
- Act fairly, honestly and impartially
- Judges must work individually
- It is not allowed to negotiate the results beforehand
- Develop and maintain excellent judging skills through ongoing review of the Competition Rules of AGG
- Serve the interests of the sport competently
- Treat athletes, coaches, judges, event organizers and other officials with respect
- Avoid any conflict of interest

2. Standards of Conduct

- Judges must hold a current judging award
- If he/she has been nominated by a club to officiate, he/she should check the competition details with the team manager/club coach BEFORE the event
- He/she should contact the competition organizer as soon as possible if he/she cannot attend an event so a replacement can be found
- Be punctual for all scheduled meetings and events
- Maintain a professional business-like appearance as described in the dress-code, befitting the status and image of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics judge

- Maintain a professional demeanor throughout the event including facial expressions, body language, gesture
- Represent a role model for the sport through the promotion of "sportsman-like" behavior
- Display respect for other judges on the judging panel and contribute to the process of determining the winner of a competition
- During the competition days the judging panelists are not allowed to discuss evaluation aspects between each other's neither than coaches, athletes and other officials
- He/she should judge impartially and not be influenced by other judges/or indeed influence other judges on the jury. The judge's own deductions should be used to calculate the score he/sh submits
- He/she should not use, or have out in sight, a mobile phone whilst the competition is in progress.
- He/she should watch the teams from when they present and start their routine until the end of their routine before calculating their mark.
- Restrict contact with the audience, general public and competitors during the progress of the competition
- Be prepared to justify scores where required
- Judging paperwork should be filled out properly, showing the deduction/marks awarded for each component and not just a total
- He/she should keep up to date with the latest versions of the IFAGG judging rules.
- He/she should refrain from alcohol both before and during the competition, behave courteously at all times and be supportive of GBAGGF.
- He/she should comply with the IFAGG Technical Regulations, General Judges Rules and Specific Judges Rules for AGG, together with all relevant guidelines, policies and codes of conduct put in place by GBAGGF from time to time, including but not limited to those relating to the use of social media and welfare.

3. Conflicts of Interest

A Judge must be aware of the possibility of bias and therefore avoid this by self-disqualification where a conflict of interest occurs. Circumstances of a conflict of interest which may compromise a Judge's position on a panel would include the following relationships:

- An employee or employer of a competitor
- A trainer, coach or choreographer for a competition
- A business or personal relationship with a competition or competitor sponsor
- An existing or former personal relationship with a competitor

4. Dress Code

Judges must maintain a professional, business-like appearance. This would include semi-formal or business wear in dark colors. Sweat-suits with company logos, miniskirts, jeans or workout attire are not considered appropriate.

Consequences of Breach of Standards

Any concerns regarding non-compliance with the above standards of conduct should be raised in the first instance with the GBAGGF National Technical Committee.

If the GBAGGF National Technical Committee reasonably considers the complaint to be substantiated, it may take any action it considers reasonable in the circumstances including any one or more of the following:

- the issue of a verbal or written warning
- a temporary ban on the judge officiating at competitions
- the referral of the matter to GBAGGF for further investigation and/or action