

# PROFESSIONALISM

## STANDARDS & POLICIES

- Read and comply with the [NAWGJ Code of Professional Responsibility](#)
- All NAWGJ judges in Florida are required to wear the official NAWGJ or AAU uniform (as designated on the contract) unless otherwise specified in the judging contract.
- Weapons are not allowed in competition venues.
- Do not interact with coaches, parents, and gymnasts during the competition. Do not make comments about a coach or gymnast in the competition area.
- Record your score independently and do not have unnecessary conversation with the chief judge while on the floor.
- Do not leave the competition area until all events are finished and scores have been verified. Consult with the Chief judge before returning to the judge's room.
- Control your body language and facial expressions while judging. Maintain eye contact with the gymnast at the beginning and end of her routine.
- Review the rules for the levels and event you will be judging before the meet. Practice judge with video or in a gym. Check USAG website for updates and clarifications.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices may not be used while on the competition floor.
- Judges should refrain from talking to one another at the judging tables unless a conference is called by the Chief Judge or Meet Referee.
- Once competition has started, seating arrangements of judges may not be changed.

- Following competition, judges may not discuss the scoring of the meet or the conference/inquiry decisions with parents or coaches.
- Questions from coaches during a meet should be referred to the Meet Referee.
- Questions from parents/athletes should be referred to the coach.

## **CANONS**

- CANON 1: A judge should assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of the profession of judging women's gymnastic events.
- CANON 2: A judge should assist the Association in fulfilling its duty of making judges available for women's gymnastic events.
- CANON 3: A judge should assist in improving the system of judging women's gymnastic events.
- CANON 4: A judge should avoid even the appearance of professional impropriety.
- CANON 5: A Judge should be well qualified in gymnastics, know the rules and be thoroughly prepared for each assignment. Each team, meet contestant and participant, as well as the spectators, are entitled to the official's best efforts to administer the rules of the sport.
- CANON 6: A judge should prepare for each judging assignment and should, through study and clinics, keep her/his judging knowledge current.
- CANON 7: A judge should fulfill all assignments accepted and be punctual. A judge should also attend all judging and other meetings which are intended to promote a well ordered and conducted meet or event.
- CANON 8: A judge should be alert at all times, quickly yet accurately produce her/his scores and have a basis for the

scores derived and prepared. If a legitimate need should arise, the judge should explain and support such scores by working through conferences and dealing with inquiries in a dignified, professional manner.

- CANON 9: A judge should not solicit meets for herself/himself or for others.
- CANON 10: A judge shall be completely unbiased. A judge should not give any appearance, especially at a meet, of any particular friendship with any coach or competitor. Also, a judge should decline any assignment in which affiliation with a team or individuals would tend to influence the judge's ability to be fair and objective.
- CANON 11: A judge should treat gymnasts, coaches, judges, promoters and spectators with respect. A judge should respect the privacy, property and feelings of any judge or other person with whom such judge is living during the event being judged, and should not do anything which would embarrass or offend such person.
- CANON 12: A judge should at all times both look and act professionally. A judge should maintain a neat and well-groomed appearance when judging. He/she should wear the uniform of the Association (except where other dress is permitted).
- CANON 13: A judge should not be overly officious. She/he should not criticize other officials or attempt to explain other officials' judgments.
- CANON 14: A judge should confine her/his duties to the purposes of judging; i.e., coaching or meet directing are not included in a judge's responsibilities.
- CANON 15: A judge should never consume alcoholic beverages or drugs prior to a judging assignment where such consumption is evident by odor, conduct or appearance.

- CANON 16: A judge should exercise good judgment when using social networking media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, texting, e-mail, etc.) i.e. avoid communicating with coaches or gymnasts during, before or after a competition; or refrain from making inappropriate statements about fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, clubs or parents.
- Canon 17: Judges may not participate in any wagering activities involving amateur, collegiate or professional gymnastics, nor can they provide any information to individuals involved in any type of gymnastics wagering activities.