

# INFORMATION SHEET



## JUDGES' CODE OF ETHICS

In addition to GA's General Code of Behaviour, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by GA, a Member Association or an affiliated club and in your role as an official appointed by GA, a Member Association or an affiliated club:

In order to present a professional image and to judge objectively and accurately, all judges should:

### In General:

- understand and abide by the Judge's Oath;
- be fully conversant with the International Gymnastics Federation Code of Points and/or any other published rules and regulations pertaining to the standard of gymnastics being judged;
- actively maintain technical knowledge through ongoing review of the Code of Points, technical publications, videos and gym floor participation;
- attend all pre-competition judge's meetings;
- dress in a tidy fashion benefiting the status and image of a judge;
- be punctual for all official events;
- avoid the use of derogatory language; and
- be prepared to counsel athletes and coaches regarding the athlete's performance after competitions

### When travelling with a team:

- report any significant outcomes from the pre-competition meetings to the team coach;
- be available to attend training sessions to advise on judging matters;
- emphasise the spirit of the sport rather than the errors;
- compliment and encourage all competitors;
- be accountable for one's own judging performance; and
- be a current Technical Member of GA/State Association.



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### At competitions:

- dress in the standard judge’s uniform for competition;
- be prepared for the competition by having all personal judging equipment and accessories readily available and by being conversant with the apparatus and exercises;
- be co-operative with competition organisers, floor managers, announcers and head judges;
- be quick and accurate in determining scores;
- be co-operative in judges’ conferences and assist the head judge to arrive at the final score;
- be prepared to justify scores in a judge’s conference; and
- be consistent, objective and courteous at all times

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