



JUDGES' CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Judges must meet the following requirements in regard to their conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by Singapore Gymnastics (SG) or an affiliated club, while functioning as an official appointed by SG or an affiliated club.

2. JUDGES' OATH

- 2.1. Upon achieving a National or FIG judging accreditation, all judges pledge to uphold the following.
 - 2.1.1. "In the name of all judges and officials, I promise that I shall officiate in these Singapore events with complete impartiality, respective and abiding the rules which govern them in the true spirit of sportsmanship."

3. JUDGES CODE OF CONDUCT (GENERAL)

- 3.1. Be fully conversant with the Federation Internationale de Gymnastics (FIG) Code of Points and/ or any other published rules and regulations pertaining to the standard of gymnastics being judged.
- 3.2. Actively maintain technical knowledge through ongoing review of the Code of Points, technical publications, video tapes and gym floor participation.
- 3.3. Should practice their judging whenever possible to ensure accuracy and familiarity with current trends in the sport.
- 3.4. Attend all pre-competition judges' meetings.
- 3.5. Be punctual for all official events and at their assigned seat before the event commences.
- 3.6. Be prepared to counsel athletes and coaches regarding the athlete's performance after competitions/ selection trials/ control tests etc.
- 3.7. Be a Technical Member with SG.
- 3.8. Familiarize themselves with the details of the event before the event takes place.
- 3.9. Contact the organizer as soon as possible and in-advance if unable to attend an event previously committed to.

3.10. If appointed as a reserve judge, they should keep the date free until the day of the event. This is to allow for allocation of duty should a judge report sick.

4. JUDGES' CODE OF CONDUCT (AT EVENTS)

- 4.1. Must be well prepared for the function they are assigned/ they have drawn and judge with competency, efficiency and consistency.
- 4.2. Act with integrity and accept responsibility for all technical decisions and actions taken. Be prepared to justify one's own scores when necessary/ called upon to do so.
- 4.3. Be quick and accurate in determining scores.
- 4.4. Be prepared for the event by having all personal judging equipment and accessories readily available and by being conversant with all apparatus and exercises.
- 4.5. Always uphold and follow the rules of the FIG and event organizers.
- 4.6. At all times treat fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, officials and volunteers with respect and courtesy.
- 4.7. Act as a role model and ensure demonstration of consistent standards of behaviour.
- 4.8. Work in a cooperative manner with all other officials and event organizers. Take the initiative to help out where it is needed.
- 4.9. Keep emotions in check, maintain composure and use language (verbal and physical) that is unlikely to cause offense.
- 4.10. Refrain from public negative criticism of any stakeholder present at the event.
- 4.11. Judge all gymnasts professionally and impartially in accordance with the rules and without discrimination based on representation, physical attributes, race, political opinion, friendship, bribes or any other status.
 - 4.11.1. Only symbolic gifts of little value may be offered to or accepted by judges as gestures of appreciation or friendship. Any gift in direct or indirect relation with or during competition is strictly forbidden.
- 4.12. Challenge any unprofessional language or behaviour observed in the panel and report it promptly to Singapore Gymnastics (SG)/ the event organizer.
- 4.13. Never abuse or misuse the relationship of trust or position of influence held.

4.14. Provide input and feedback in a clear and constructive manner, when requested, at the appropriate time.

4.15. While a judge's designated competition session is ongoing,

4.15.1. No communication with non-officials (e.g. coaches, gymnasts etc.) is allowed. This includes actions such as waving and the pumping of fists.

4.15.2. No usage of mobile phones while judging is allowed. Printed copies of rule books or electronic devices used for referencing the electronic copies of rule books should be brought if one needs to refer to them.

4.15.3. Judges must not talk to each other conspicuously while the gymnast being evaluated is performing.

4.16. Must follow the instructions of the Superior Jury/ Head Judge throughout the competition.

4.17. Not allowed to judge a competition session that their child is competing in. If caught engaging in the act, the judge will be stripped of his/ her accreditation.

4.18. Obliged to declare before any competition, their affiliations to any school, club, organization or gymnast etc. Such affiliations will be noted and the judge's priority to judge the affected session(s) will be adjusted accordingly.

5. JUDGES' ATTIRE AT EVENTS

5.1. Judges are responsible for acquiring their own uniform which must be worn at every competition.

5.2. The judges' attire comprises a formal white top, dark blue or black bottoms (skirt or trousers) and covered shoes. In more formal settings, a dark blue or black blazer may be required as well.

6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

6.1. Unless otherwise stated, any non-compliance to the above rules observed will be penalized as follows.

1 st instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal warning
2 nd instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issuance of a yellow card
3 rd instance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issuance of a red card

Repeat offenders across different events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be expelled from the competition Field of Play (FOP) immediately and/ or barred from judging at subsequent sessions • Accreditation may be revoked or downgraded
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7. PRIVACY STATEMENT

7.1. SG collects information to facilitate communication. Contact data will be used for keeping Members informed and updated. This information is treated with total confidentiality by all parties involved. Without your prior approval, SG will not disclose your information to third parties. You have permitted rights to the information; returned to you upon request to SG in advance of 1 month.

8. CHANGES TO THE POLICY

8.1. SG is committed to ensuring that all policies are up-to-date and reflect current practices. Changes to this policy must be reviewed and approved by SG's Board, following which, it will be updated and posted on SG's website. Updates of this policy will be disseminated to all members once official.