

## **Judges' Rules of Conduct**

1. A judge must be well qualified in gymnastics, understand gymnastics technique and know the rules of judging thoroughly.
2. A judge must be up to date on the FIG Code of Points, rules interpretations, current provincial modifications and all applicable compulsory routines.
3. A judge must be thoroughly prepared for each judging assignment. She must know the specific meet assignments with regard to type of competition level and age group.
4. A judge must be cognizant all of the regulations and interpret them during an actual performance.
5. A judge must be alert at all times and quickly and accurately produce a score. She should have a basis for the score derived and be prepared to rationally and logically explain and support such a score. A judge should be cooperative in working with other judges in conferences and through protests.
6. A judge must not allow anything to influence or give the appearance of affecting her judgment in rendering fair and impartial scores.
7. A judge should treat gymnasts, coaches, other judges, volunteers and spectators with respect and in so doing encourage reciprocal treatment.
8. Judges must be prepared and willing to promote their growth and development through sharing of knowledge within the judging ranks.
9. A judge must refrain from derogatory remarks or outward, non-verbal expressions regarding performances, scores or appeals.
10. A judge must not criticize or attempt to explain other officials' judgment or decisions to any of the coach, team or affiliate.
11. A judge must at all times act professionally and should not discredit the MGA/GCG.
12. A judge must not speak to the media on behalf of the MGA or GCG.
13. All judges must ensure their attendance and prompt arrival at all meets. (1 hour prior to competition time/FIG; 30 minutes prior to competition time/provincial level meets).
14. Judges must be prepared to judge all required meets as scheduled in the annual Provincial Calendar unless the Judging Chairperson is advised otherwise.
15. All judges fall under the MGA and are subject to the authority of the WTC and the MGA Executive. Any transgression of the Women's Judging Rules of Conduct or the MGA Code of Ethics by a judge will be dealt with formally through the Judging Committee.
16. Brevet Judges are subject to the direct authority of GCG.