



Appendix – Technical Regulations

Ethical Decision-Making - Competitions and Athlete Selection

Gymsport Committee and Judges Assembly Members are to set the example expected of all officials; to behave at all times in a professional manner and exemplify nonpartisan ethical behaviour, maintain the highest standards of integrity and protect member privacy.

All officials must uphold the respect of sporting ethics by assuring that all the gymnasts be judged fairly. Sporting justice, ethics and honesty are the basis of a fair judgment. The control and applications of the gymsport and judging rules are to be applied with fairness, consistency and completely in accordance with the currently valid regulations and criteria.

- Promote and respect the rights and dignity of every person regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation and ensure the promotion of a safe and inclusive environment.
- Protect the integrity of sport at all times by ensuring that the behaviour and conduct of every person is consistent with the laws of the sport, the principles of fair play and the standards of safe and inclusive sport.
- Decisions are to be made in the best interest of athletes and the sport.
- Be impartial, consistent and transparent in your conduct and decision-making. Accept responsibility for your actions.
- Members have a responsibility to uphold the integrity of the sport and to act honestly, openly, fairly, and competently.
- Be knowledgeable of, understand, and follow Gymnastics NSW rules and policies, and refrain from knowingly misrepresenting or misinterpreting such.
- Promote fair play.
- Maintain respect at all times and refrain from intimidating, embarrassing or improperly influencing any individual responsible for participating in, judging, or administering a competition, a team or athlete selection.
- Members must respect the rights and opinions of others.
- Follow the established procedures for challenging a competitive result and never unduly conceal, mislead or change a competition result.
- Make honest certifications regarding compliance with Gymnastics NSW policies, procedures or membership requirements.
- Do not engage in practices that are unethical, illegal or a breach of contract.
- Avoid making false or misleading claims; or falsify, or omit any information, record or document or other evidence for any purpose.
- Never demonstrate undue pressure or influence on a vote or the direction of decisions made.
- Where permitted, applications for special consideration or extenuating circumstances must only be made in accordance with established procedures and empirical applicable facts. Members must refrain from placing undue influence on decision makers or administrators and must not engage in emotional manipulation, misleading representations or try to inappropriately or unduly influence an outcome.



- Avoid any cooperation sought by influencing the work and evaluation of the judges.
- Never show favouritism or disfavour toward an individual gymnast or a team.
- Never take part in obvious discussions and/or agreements with other judges with the intent to collaborate.
- Judges are obliged to respect the judges' oath and to execute their function at all competitions with highest possible quality (honesty and integrity) and without bias.
- Judges officiating at competitions have to:
 - maintain integrity of all decisions, showing no preference or bias
 - possess competence to apply the relevant Gymsport rules as per the ALP, Code of Points and other applicable sport rules and regulations
 - demonstrate good moral and ethical behaviour
 - show respect to others by being punctual and respecting all rules
 - abide by the GNSW Judge Policies and Protocols
- Judges, technical delegates and officials are not to use the judge scoring computers, data input tablets or any system to access privileged or confidential information, such as competitor or official information, unpublished athlete results or rankings.
- No person should attempt to access any information not pertinent to the completion of their assigned duties or disclose any confidential information they have directly or indirectly had access to, to any other party.

LINK: [Judge Policies and Protocols](#)