

Judge's Code of Conduct

Acrobatic Gymnastics

Standards of Conduct

1. Judges must hold a current cycle judging award.
2. Judges' membership level must be – Bronze or Life Members of BG for Club or Regional Judges, and Gold, Joint Gold or Life Members of BG for National and Brevet Judges, before being allowed to officiate at a BG event.
3. The correct uniform must be worn, this consists of a black jacket, white shirt/blouse, black trousers/skirt and smart shoes.
4. Judges that have been nominated by a club to officiate, should check the competition details with the team manager/club coach BEFORE the event.
5. In the event that a judge is no longer available to attend the competition they must contact the Judging Organiser as soon as possible so a replacement can be found.
6. Judges are expected to arrive on time for the judges' meeting prior to the competition and be in place in good time for each session of the competition.
7. When judging, they should write down all the deductions independently and make a note of each gymnast's number in case the marks are required again. Judging paperwork should be filled out properly, showing the deduction/marks awarded for each move and not just a total. When judging Artistry, the standard NDP artistry sheet must be used. Judges are not permitted to make their own version of this sheet.
8. Judges should watch the gymnast from when they present and start their routine until the end of the routine before calculating their mark. They should be respectful of all gymnasts and should not make any comments or gestures relating to the gymnast which may be critical, offensive or discourteous and which may be overheard or seen by the gymnast. You must judge impartially and not be influenced by other judges or indeed influence other judges on the panel. The judge's own deductions should be used to calculate the score they submit.
9. Routines must be judged on its merits and not on the gymnast's name or club.
10. Judges must not communicate with any coach or gymnast whilst the competition is in progress, nor should they use, or have sight of, any mobile phone whilst the competition is in progress.
11. They should practice their judging whenever possible so they appreciate the finer qualities of good performance.

12. Judges must comply with the FIG Code of Points, Technical Regulations, General Judges Rules and Specific Judges Rules for Acrobatic Gymnastics, together with all relevant guidelines, policies and codes of conduct put in place by British Gymnastics from time to time, including but not limited to those relating to the use of social media and welfare.

Consequences of Breach of Standards

1. Any concerns regarding non-compliance with the above standards of conduct should be raised in the first instance with the Acrobatic Technical Committee who will investigate the complaint in conjunction with the relevant departments of British Gymnastics, the Home Nations and/or the Regions as appropriate.
2. If the ATC reasonably considers the complaint to be substantiated, it may take any action it considers reasonable in the circumstances including any one or more of the following:
 - the issue of a verbal or written warning
 - a temporary ban on the judge officiating at competitions
 - Referral of the matter to British Gymnastics for further investigation and/or action