

Judge's Code of Conduct

Rhythmic 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, 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 for a judge is a navy blue blazer/jacket, white shirt/blouse, navy blue trousers/skirt and smart shoes.
4. If he/she has been nominated by a club to officiate, he/she should check the competition details with the team manager/club coach BEFORE the event.
5. He/she should contact the competition organiser as soon as possible if he/she cannot attend an event so a replacement can be found.
6. He/she should 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. If judging Execution, he/she should write down all the deductions independently and make a note of each gymnast's number in case the marks are required again.
8. Judging paperwork should be filled out properly, showing the deduction/marks awarded for each component and not just a total.
9. He/she should watch the gymnast from when they present and start their routine until the end of their routine before calculating their mark. He/she should be respectful of each gymnast 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 (constructive feedback may be provided to the gymnast after the conclusion of the competition with the coach's consent).
10. He/she should judge impartially and not be influenced by other judges/or indeed influence other judges on the jury. The judge's own deductions should be used to calculate the score he/she submits.
11. Only the Superior Jury, the official scorers and the competition organiser are entitled to see a gymnast's sheets and the component scores submitted by each judge. A judge may only inspect or take away a gymnast's sheets which the competition organiser decides to make available after a competition and with the relevant coach's permission.
12. Queries as to whether there is an arithmetical error in a gymnast's score may only be raised with the gymnast's designated coach for the competition and should be raised with the competition organiser or the Superior Jury in a discreet and courteous manner.

13. He/she should judge each routine on its merits and not on the gymnast's name or club. Gymnasts must only be marked on what they do on the day.
14. He/she should not communicate with any coach or gymnast whilst the competition is in progress. He/she should not use, or have out in sight, a mobile phone whilst the competition is in progress.
15. He/she should keep up to date with the latest versions of the FIG Code of Points, Helpdesks and other clarifications issued from time to time, together with the relevant GBR competition requirements, as are appropriate to the level of judging qualification held by the judge.
16. He/she should refrain from alcohol both before and during the competition, behave courteously at all times and be supportive of British Gymnastics.
17. He/she should comply with the FIG Code of Points, Technical Regulations, General Judges Rules and Specific Judges Rules for RG, 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 RG Technical Committee. The RG Technical Committee 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 RG Technical Committee 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
 - the referral of the matter to British Gymnastics for further investigation and/or action