

CODE OF ETHICS

1. Devote time, thought, and study (more than required by the State Association) to learn the rules and mechanics of judging so as to continuously improve your judging skills and knowledge.
2. Honor verbal and contractual agreements confirming each assignment. Remember and recognize that it is important to honor agreements regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
3. Avoid judging a meet when a prejudice for or against a team exists so as to maintain fairness. (To comply with this standard, it is recommended that an official not judge a school he/she attended or coached for 3 years after graduation or termination as a coach).
4. Do not judge a meet when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. Be thoroughly prepared for each meet assignment inclusive of current CHSGGJA approved score sheets, pencils, Rule Book, and the name tag given to you by your local association.
6. Work in a courteous and cooperative manner with coach's gymnasts, and school officials but do not fraternize with the above-mentioned or the crowd at any meet.
7. Dress according to expectations and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the meet.
8. Promptly report to the meet site as set forth by the rulebook to perform pre-meet duties.
9. Judge what you see and not what you expect to see.
10. Strive for consistent, quick, and accurate judging throughout the meet. To aid in this, develop your own system of organization for quick accurate access and reminders.
11. Should controversy arise concerning scores, be confident with the rules so that another judge cannot totally influence your decision. Be able to discuss discrepancies with accurate reasoning. However, do not attempt to explain another official's interpretation.
12. Assist coaches and gymnasts in the interpretation of the rules when such requests are made at a proper time.
13. Leave the site of the meet as soon as your meet responsibilities conclude so as to aid in confining your duties to judging only.
14. Give your best effort in every meet judged. Each team and meet is entitled to the official's best efforts and he/she is employed as a representative to administer the rules of the sport.
15. Work with fellow officials and the State Association in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during discussion of points and rules.

The CHSGGJA is a professional organization whose partial purposes are to promote the welfare of the sport of girl's gymnastics, its competitors and officials and to maintain a high standard of gymnastics judging in accordance with this Code of Ethics.

The CHSGGJA considers it unethical for any of its members to solicit meets for himself/herself or for any others.