

## Code of Conduct for Judges

Judges must be members of Gymnastics Ireland (GI), should be suitably and appropriately qualified in line with the [GI Judging Policy](#) and must hold a current cycle judging award. Foreign judges nominated by clubs must comply with the GI Judging Policy (Section 4 – Foreign Judging Qualification) with regards to the process to follow to be eligible to judge at GI events.

A judge shall demonstrate professionalism and responsibility to the sport and respect for all members of GI.

Judges play a critical role in establishing the environment at all competitions. This environment should be safe, fair, positive, relaxed and friendly. Judging Convenors (JC) have a duty to complete a competition report detailing any violations – see [GI Judging Policy](#) (Section 10 – Judges at Competitions). The following guidelines will assist in establishing and maintaining the appropriate environment.

### Judges are expected to:

- Respect the needs of each club, coach, gymnast, and other judges
- 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
- Arrive at the judges' meetings on time in their judging uniform
- Understand the rules and regulations governing competitions
- Greet gymnasts on arrival at each event
- Be prepared for each specific judging assignment
- Be in their position ready to judge before the competition/sub division/session start time
- The Head Judge (HJ) must be certain that coaches and gymnasts are present at the apparatus before the warm-up begins
- Make eye contact with the gymnast prior to them starting their routine and when they have finished, and then calculate their mark
- Work quickly and accurately to produce a score, and in the event of an inquiry or query from the JC / HJ, be prepared to substantiate your score with reference to the COP / specific GI judging rules / routines documents
- All judges should retain a record of their judging sheets / material for a competition for a period of 12 months after the event
- Be a cooperative member of the judging panel
- Be unbiased, fair and impartial in scoring and not be influenced by or influence other judges on the jury
- Submit their log books to the HJ or JC during the judging meeting as evidence of activity in the current cycle and for signature by the JC

### Dress Code/attire for gymnastics competitions:

Male: Navy blazer or suit, grey trousers, light coloured shirt and tie and black shoes.

Female: Navy blazer or jacket, navy skirt or full length trousers, white collared blouse, black or navy shoes

Judges may remove jackets when judging as the temperature dictates

This dress code will be monitored. All incidents involving violation of these guidelines will be documented in the JC's report

## Mobile Phones, Computers and Similar Devices

FIG rules apply:

Mobile phones are not permitted on the competition floor during a competition.

A judge is not permitted to use their laptop (or similar device) on the competition floor during the competition, with the exception of the Superior Jury (SJ) / JC for the competition. Judges must bring a hardcopy of the relevant routines / deductions to the competition with them to review / refer to during the competition if required.

## Late Arrivals

Before the event, a judge must check the competition details with their club/Team Manager and arrive at the competition site on time for the judges meeting or, if not specified, 30 minutes prior to the start of the competition.

In circumstances where a judge is running late on route to a competition, they must make every attempt to advise the JC of this. A written explanation including the judges name, valid reasons for the lateness and the signature of the judge must be submitted to the JC who will make the decision as to whether or not they are then permitted to judge at the competition. The JC will sign this and attach it to the competition report.

If a judge does not attend the judges meeting, they will not be permitted to judge.

Assignments begin at the published time of the judges meeting or 30 minutes before the start of the competition and conclude 15 minutes after the last competitor has performed.

## Judging Duties

If judging Execution, judges will 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 completed correctly, showing the deduction/marks awarded for each component.

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.

Judges should not communicate feedback with any coach or gymnast whilst the competition is in progress. Constructive feedback for gymnasts may be provided in the first instance to their coach after the conclusion of the competition. Coaches may request this feedback be provided to gymnasts directly and this should always be given with the coach present.

Only the SJ / JC and the official scorers are entitled to see a gymnast's sheets and the component scores submitted by each judge.

Judges should be up to date with the latest versions of the FIG Code of Points and other clarifications issued from time to time, as are appropriate to the level of judging qualification held by the judge.

Judges should be familiar with the rules for score inquiries and refer any person making an inquiry outside of these rules to the [GI Judging Policy](#) (Section 11 - Inquires of the Score).

I confirm that I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its contents.

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Signature

Club

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Print Name

Date