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# AGGUSA ASSOCIATED PERSONS GUIDE

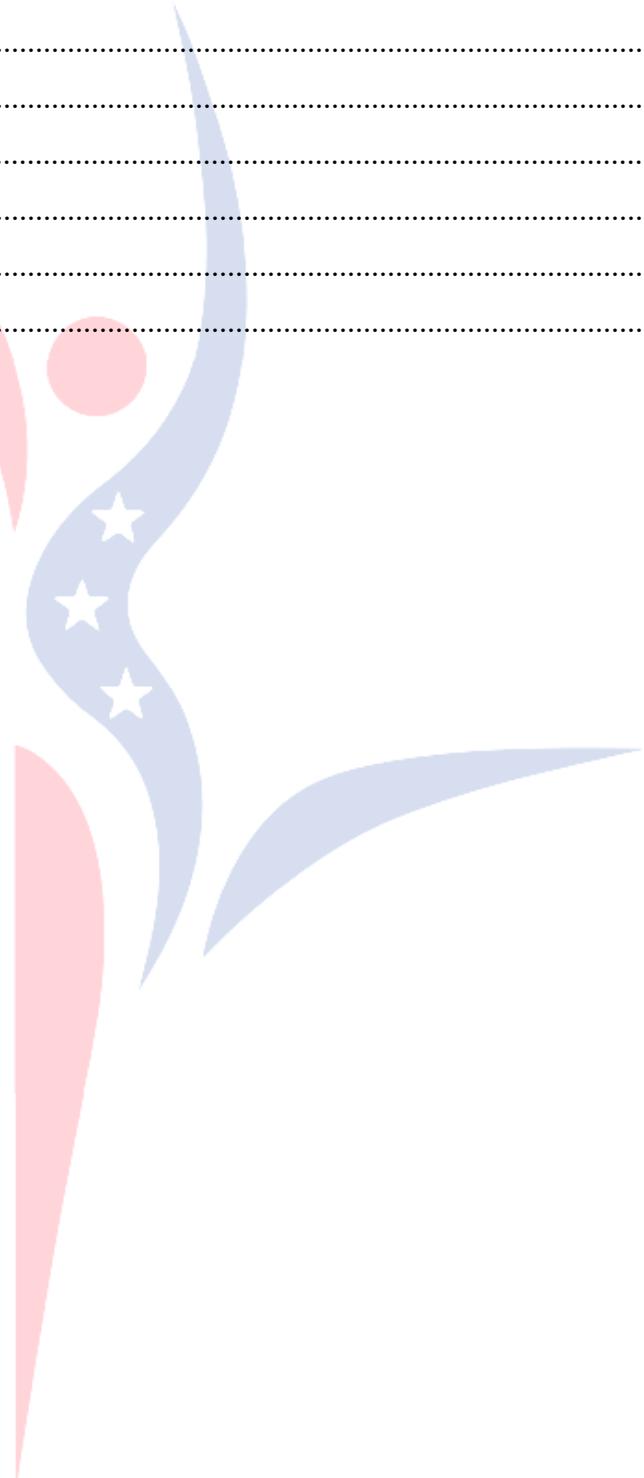
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## 1. PREAMBLE

Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (AGG) is a sport founded on artistry, teamwork, respect, and well-being. While athletes, coaches, and judges play central roles in competition, the sport is also supported and shaped by many individuals who are not formal members, but are nonetheless closely connected to AGG. These individuals—referred to as *associated persons*—include parents and guardians, spectators, volunteers, event staff, and other supporters who contribute to the environment in which the sport is practiced and enjoyed.

This Associated Persons Guide outlines expectations for conduct and engagement to ensure that all AGG activities take place in a safe, respectful, and positive atmosphere. By following these guidelines, associated persons help promote the values of sportsmanship, fairness, and mutual respect that are essential to the integrity and growth of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics. Everyone involved in or associated with AGG USA shares a responsibility to uphold these standards and to support the physical, emotional, and social well-being of all participants.

## 2. DOMESTIC EXPECTATIONS

Associated persons attending domestic Aesthetic Group Gymnastics events are expected to contribute to a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all participants.

- Treat athletes, coaches, judges, officials, volunteers, and other spectators with respect at all times.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship, including respectful behavior during performances, scoring, and awards ceremonies.
- Refrain from disruptive, abusive, or inappropriate behavior, including verbal comments, gestures, or actions directed at participants or officials.
- Follow all event rules, venue policies, and instructions from event staff and officials.
- Respect the authority and decisions of judges, competition officials, and event organizers.
- Support all athletes in a positive and age-appropriate manner.
- Use photography and video recording responsibly and only in accordance with event policies.

- Promote a culture of inclusion, safety, and well-being for all participants.
- Report concerns related to safety, misconduct, or rule violations to appropriate event personnel.

Note: All Parents are expected to sign a Parent Code of Conduct upon registering their athlete as a member of AGG USA. A pdf of the Parent Code of Conduct is available [here](#).

### 3. INTERNATIONAL EXPECTATIONS

Associated persons who are part of the American delegation at International AGG events represent not only themselves, but also their club, the national federation, and the United States. Higher standards of conduct apply in recognition of this role.

- Act with professionalism, integrity, and respect at all times, both inside and outside competition venues.
- Serve as positive ambassadors for Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and the United States.
- Comply with all rules, policies, and codes of conduct established by the AGG USA, IFAGG, and the event organizers.
- Respect cultural differences, local customs, and host country laws.
- Follow delegation protocols, communication procedures, and instructions from AGG USA.
- Refrain from public criticism of athletes, coaches, judges, officials, or event organizers, including on social media.
- Use social media responsibly and in a manner that reflects positively on the American delegation and the sport.
- Support athletes' physical and emotional well-being by maintaining appropriate boundaries and conduct.
- Avoid behavior that could damage the reputation of the delegation, the federation, or the sport.
- Understand that violations of these expectations may result in removal from delegation activities or further disciplinary action.

## 4. DISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL

Associated persons of AGG USA (parents, staff, volunteers, spectators, friends, family, etc.) have a separate disciplinary protocol for offenses made aware to the AGG USA Ethical Committee. All ethical regulations that associated persons are expected to abide by are specified in the AGG USA Guide for Associated Persons. The course of action for individuals who violate these rules are as follows:

1. Upon the first violation of these rules, the AGG USA associated person will receive notice of a probationary period to last one year from the distribution of the warning, that is to begin at that moment. During the probation, if the individual person is found to have violated any AGG USA or IFAGG rule, they will move to the second infraction of the disciplinary protocol.
2. The individual is suspended from attending any and all AGG USA events for one year starting from the second violation. AGG USA will also share the name of the associated person with the IFAGG and local organizing committees that are to hold events throughout the time of the suspension.

## 5. CONCLUSION

Being part of the Aesthetic Group Gymnastics community—especially as part of Team USA—is both a privilege and a responsibility. The conduct of associated persons plays a meaningful role in shaping the experience of athletes, officials, and fellow participants, as well as in how the sport and the American delegation are perceived by others.

At international events, the actions and attitudes of each individual reflect on Team USA as a whole. By modeling respect, professionalism, and good sportsmanship, associated persons help uphold the values of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and contribute to a positive and unified delegation. When everyone acts with integrity and awareness, the collective experience is strengthened, and the reputation of Team USA is enhanced.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting athletes, promoting a safe and respectful environment, and representing Aesthetic Group Gymnastics and the United States with pride.

## 6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, read, and fully understand the **AGG USA Associated Persons Guide**. I agree to encourage all associated persons related to my club/team to comply with all policies, procedures, and guidelines outlined in the guide, and to fulfill my responsibilities as **an associated person** in accordance with AGG USA standards.

I understand that failure to adhere to these rules may result in disciplinary action, as outlined in AGG USA policies.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_