



## AGGUSA JUDGES' CODE OF CONDUCT 2024

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Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliations (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this document, the judge in question agrees to the [IFAGG JUDGES CODE OF ETHICS](#), which includes the following:

- The judge will agree to be fair and impartial in all activities and decisions while conducting themselves in a professional manner. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The judge will follow and consult the IFAGG Competition Rules of AGG. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - No negotiations of results are to occur prior to the conclusion of a competition. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The judge agrees to develop and maintain their own skills as a judge in complete compliance with the Competition Rules of AGG. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The judge will treat all athletes, coaches, judges, event organizers and other officials with respect. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The judge agrees to maintain the professional business-like appearance as described in the dress code specified in the IFAGG General Competition Manual. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The judge agrees to maintain a professional demeanor and will actively function as a role model for the sport through the promotion of sportsmanship. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - During competitions, all judges agree to not discuss evaluated aspects between each other, with other coaches, other athletes, or other officials. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - All judges will agree to restrict contact with the audience and the public during competitions. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - All judges will be prepared to justify scores where required. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - All judges will be punctual at all meetings and events. \_\_\_\_\_.
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## Statement Regarding Conflicts of Interest

IFAGG's Judges Code of Ethics provides a strict statement regarding conflict of interests concerning judges. The statement proceeds as follows:

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*A Judge must be aware of the possibility of bias and therefore avoid this by self-disqualification where a conflict of interest occurs. Circumstances of a conflict of interest which may compromise a Judge's position on a panel would include the following relationships:*

*An employee or employer of a competitor*

*A trainer, coach, or choreographer for a competition*

*A business or personal relationship with a competition or competitor sponsor*

*An existing or former personal relationship with a competitor, coach, or choreographer*

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If an AGGUSA judge wishes to be on a panel at an international competition they must follow the self-disqualification provision without question if there is any possibility of a conflict of interest. Concerning national and semi-national competitions, as per the decision made at the meeting on January 23, 2024, competition organizers are allowed to prioritize hiring local judges first, and then independent judges, in order to ensure that too high of a fiscal burden is not a reason that a competition cannot take place. Competition organizers and the judges themselves are obligated to form judges panels while ensuring the best practice of ethics and proper conduct. Any improper conduct witnessed in the formation of judges panels will be subject to review from the Technical and Ethics Committees of AGGUSA, with penalties of suspension for either judging or hosting if applicable. \_\_\_\_\_.

**By initialing next to each stipulation seen above, and by signing below, the signatory agrees to completely comply with the AGGUSA's Judges' Code of Conduct for the 2024 Season.**

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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