



Judges Code of Conduct

Judges shall bear a great responsibility for engendering public confidence in the sport of competition climbing.

Judges shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of climbing competitions.

Judges shall hold and maintain the basic tenets of judging which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion, and tactfulness.

Judges shall master both the rules of competition climbing and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

Judges shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with athletes, coaches, event personnel and fellow judges.

Judges shall display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.

Judges shall recognize that anything which may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided.

Judges shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.

Judges shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all volunteer or contractual obligations.

Judges shall work with each other and the USAC Administration in a constructive and cooperative manner.

Judges shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as a Judge to benefit oneself, family and/or friends.

Judges shall never participate in any form of illegal gambling on climbing competitions and may never gamble on any climbing competition in which they have either a direct or indirect involvement.

Judges shall not make false or misleading statements regarding their qualifications, certification, experience, training or competence.

Judges shall never use their position as a judge to gather information from the route map of a route/problem that has not been assigned to them for their own benefit or the benefit of a climber, coach, or team.

Judges shall accept responsibility for all actions taken.