

# NAWGJ

## SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

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### **Social Media Challenge: When to POST and When NOT to POST.**

#### **NAWGJ Canon 15**

A judge should **exercise good judgment** when using social networking media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, texting, e-mail, etc.), e.g., a judge **should avoid communicating** with coaches or gymnasts during, before or after a competition, and **refrain from making inappropriate statements** about fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, clubs, or parents.

- 1) Consider social media communications as public at all times — even if created with private intentions. Consider any communication may be read by anyone at any time.
- 2) You represent the gymnastics community, NAWGJ, and your fellow judges. Act accordingly.
- 3) Promote gymnastics judging in a positive light and with a general feeling of pride and professionalism. You are an ambassador for gymnastics judging.
- 4) You have a unique access to information. The same ethical restrictions that apply to any form of public speech also apply to social media. It is inappropriate to communicate specifics about your assignments, other judges, clubs, teams, coaches, gymnasts, or any related personnel.
- 5) Do not engage in specific judgment, critiques, evaluation and/or commentary, whether it be of a meet you judged, one that you witnessed or in general about the impact of judging in any event.
- 6) Communications among judges for learning purposes should be done privately and not through the use of social media. Be mindful that email and other forms of direct communication can be made public.
- 7) Be very sparing in the sharing of your personal information, including photos. Adjust security settings accordingly. Report fake profiles, inappropriate posts, and unauthorized use of NAWGJ social media accounts or electronic communications to your SJD, RJD, and NAWGJ Secretary.
- 8) Follow specific NAWGJ social media guidelines to the best of your professional ability.