

Collegiate Coach Conduct and Judging Procedures

Code of Ethics for Coaches

Coaches are required to act in a sportsmanlike, positive, polite, respectful and disciplined manner, with complete integrity. It is their responsibility to see that their teams handle themselves in a sportsmanlike manner (*Appendix V, Rules Modifications & Meet Procedures, 2022*).

Unsportsmanlike Conduct by Coaches

Collegiate gymnastics coaches are typically models of good sportsmanship. On the rare occasion that a coach demonstrates unsportsmanlike conduct, a judge should consider the possibility of issuing a yellow card warning. The procedures are specified on page 10 of the 2022 Rules Modifications & Meet Procedures.

Judges might consider issuing a yellow card if a coach:

- Addresses an official in a disrespectful manner.
- Attempts to influence an official's decision by words, expressions, gestures, body language, or similar behaviors.
- Objects to an official's decision by words, expressions, gestures, body language, or similar behaviors.
- Uses a loud voice and hostile gestures when talking to a Meet Referee, when submitting an inquiry, or when submitting routine summaries.
- Incites undesirable crowd reactions.
- Uses profanity or language that is abusive, vulgar, obscene; makes derogatory remarks about officials, athletes, or spectators.
- Makes comments relating to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.
- Flaunts the issuance of a yellow card (considered a second occurrence; deduction from team score taken).
- Other behaviors considered to reflect poor sportsmanship.

The Meet Referee notes the issuance of a yellow card on the official score sheet at the end of the meet and submits a written report describing the behavior that resulted in the yellow card. The Coach's Ethics Committee reviews all yellow card events.