

NAWGJ

SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES

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- 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 when posting on social media.
- 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 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 specific information 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 about 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 posts, email, text messages, and other forms of direct communication can be made public.
- 7) Be cautious in 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.

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Social Media Guidelines for use by Officials and Organizations