

## PROFESSIONALISM

Being a gymnastics official requires professional behavior at all times. It is prudent to remember the following:

1. Arrive at the meet site 30 minutes before march-in unless given specific instructions otherwise.
  - State meets require you to be at the gym, ready to judge, ONE HOUR before the start of the meet. A \$5 fine will be deducted from the check of any judge who does not report 15 minutes prior to march-in.
  
1. Be in the judges' room for the judges' meeting and other pre-meet information before the meet. Avoid wandering around the gym.
  
2. Do not talk to coaches during the competition - even if the conversation is unrelated to the competition. Remember how important appearances are. Refer a coach's questions to the meet referee.
  
3. Be on the competitive floor for march-in wearing your jacket.
  
4. Be prepared; know the requirements and deductions. Have the materials you will need -- writing tools, paper, reference books, etc.
  - **Caution:** all levels of meets are not alike! Because the USAG JO, USAG Elite, AAU, YMCA, USAIG, Collegiate, and high school use different rules, you must be aware of and willing to use their program rules as they have written it.
  
1. Remain at your assigned event until competition at all events is completed.
  
2. Be objective and impartial in deductions and scoring. Be consistent in scoring. For all gymnasts who make similar errors, similar deductions should be taken.
  
3. **Disable your cell phone while you are on the competition floor.** Do not make or receive calls from your judging table. If it is necessary for you to make a call on your cell phone, please notify the Chief Judge or Meet Referee and leave the floor to place the call.