



IFAGG Code of Discipline

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IFAGG Code of Discipline

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics IFAGG was established on 12 October 2003 and is the recognized world governing body of aesthetic group gymnastics (AGG). IFAGG is a non-profit international federation, and it has been properly and legally registered as such. Its mission and purpose are strictly to advance the sport of aesthetic group gymnastics. IFAGG is the supreme authority on all matters relating to International Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

GENERAL

1 Preamble

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (IFAGG) – Kansainvälinen Joukkuevoimisteluliitto, its members and the committees of the members, and every person who competes or acts in IFAGG's events are obligated to follow the good spirit of the sport, the ethical values of the sport, the principles of Fair Play, National and International Rules of Doping and other rules and regulations that are in force. Violations will be penalized according to these rules.

2 Penalties

The penalties for the violation of the rules and principles mentioned above will be:

- Notification
- Warning
- Fine (financial penalty up to 3000 EUR)
- Prohibition to compete or act as official for a limited time or permanently
- Closing out of the action of IFAGG for a limited time
- Severance for a limited time or permanently

3 Disciplinary Authorities and Measures

3.1 Judging Committee, Superior Jury, the responsible judge and/or the head judge of the competition

Judging Committee, Superior jury, the responsible judge or the head judge of a competition are disciplinary authorities with competences specified by this IFAGG Code of Discipline and by the other IFAGG documents.

Judging Committee, Superior jury, the responsible judge or the head judge of a competition are authorised to act in the mentioned order.

Competence of the authorities under this article:

- a) To solve/interfere and/or penalize any violations of the rules that will demand immediate action of the gymnasts, team, assistant, coach, official, judge or audience of the competition.
In such cases the authorities are entitled to give the following penalties:
 - Notification
 - Warning
 - Prohibition to compete or act as official for a limited time
- b) To supervise judges' work during competitions and to act according to IFAGG warning procedure for international judges.

Reporting duty:

Judging Committee, Superior Jury, the responsible judge or the head judge is obligated to report the decision made and the reasons for it within 3 days after the decision has been made. The report will be submitted to the Technical Committee.



3.2 Technical Committee

Technical Committee will accept the report of Judging Committee, Superior Jury, the responsible judge or the head judge stipulated in the article 3.1. above.

Technical Committee has the competence to give its comments and/or recommendations to the obtained report. Technical Committee will present the report including its comments and/or recommendations to the IFAGG Council within 3 days.

3.3 IFAGG Council

The main IFAGG disciplinary authority is the IFAGG Council.

The IFAGG Council has competences stipulated by this IFAGG Code of Discipline and by the other IFAGG documents.

The IFAGG Council (among others) has the following competences in relation to disciplinary measures:

- a) To supervise and review any decisions made by the other IFAGG disciplinary authorities.
- b) To give the penalties for the competition arranger if the violation has happened in the competition action and by the arranger who is IFAGG's member.
The penalties will be: notification, warning or fine.
- c) The penalties given by the IFAGG Council for the gymnasts, team or member are: prohibition to compete, participate or severance.
- d) The IFAGG's Council may give notification, warning or fine to the gymnasts, team, official, assistant or member of IFAGG who participate in IFAGG's events. The Fine will not exceed 3000 Euro. If the fine is not paid by the due date, the gymnasts, official, assistant or member of IFAGG will be suspended from membership until the fine is paid.
- e) The member of IFAGG can also be punished by warning, fine or temporary prohibition of participation in IFAGG's activities for up to 2 years. It is required that the offence is corrected and the possible fine paid and some guarantee that the offence will not be repeated.
- f) The IFAGG's Council can (for other than doping violation) prohibit from competing or acting as an official for a maximum period of 2 years. For a doping violation the Council of IFAGG can give a permanent prohibition for competing or acting as an official.

All complaints of the penalties will be complained to the IFAGG Council. The Council will make decisions concerning the penalties. The IFAGG Council is always the body that gives or is responsible for the penalties.

3.4 Authorities of Appeal – Right to Complain

The authorities of Appeal are:

- a) The IFAGG Council
- b) The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne

If the penalised person/team/club/member is dissatisfied with the subjective disciplinary decision, she/he/it is entitled to submit an appeal against the decision and present the decision to the IFAGG Council for its revision.

The IFAGG Council shall discuss the submitted decision with the penalised person/team/club/member or their representatives as well as with the disciplinary authority which issued the decision.

The IFAGG Council is authorised to change, to annul or to affirm the revised decision.

The penalised person/team/club/member can apply an appeal against disciplinary decisions issued by the IFAGG Council to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

4 Disciplinary procedure – right to explain

Before a penalty is given the person/team/club/member and/or their representatives must have the possibility to explain. If the given possibility to explain is not used without a serious reason, the penalty can be given without the explanation.



IFAGG DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

5 Judging

All international judges are obliged to observe, follow and respect this IFAGG Code of Discipline, IFAGG Judges Code of Ethics, the warning procedure for IFAGG international judges as well as any other IFAGG documents.

Judging committee, Superior Jury, the responsible judge and/or head the head judge of the competition supervises judges' work during competitions and has authority to act according to IFAGG warning procedure for international judges.

Penalties which can be imposed to the international judges:

- Notification
- Warning
- Temporary prohibition to judge at IFAGG A or B competitions

6 Doping rules

It's a condition of participation in IFAGG's activities that gymnasts and their assistants and representatives will follow the national and international doping rules. All gymnasts and their assistants and representatives are obligated to know the doping rules. The information of the prohibited substances and methods can be found on the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency), [www-pages](http://www-pages.wada-ama.org).

The penalties of a doping violation are:

- Written warning.
- Temporary prohibition to compete (mainly 2 years) for the first violation of doping.
- Permanent prohibition for a repeated violation of doping.

7 Spirit of Fair Play

Fair Play is the basic guiding principle in the sport of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

For behaviour that goes against Fair Play or shows non-sportsmanship during a competition, the main penalty is notification or warning.

If the case is outrageous the penalty can be a fine or temporary prohibition from competing.

8 Ethical principles and measures

8.3 Equality

Discrimination on the basis of gender, race, age, creed, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or political opinion shall not be tolerated or allowed.

All gymnasts, coaches, assistants, judges and officials shall be treated equally and with fairness before, during and after the competition.

8.4 Human Dignity

All form of harassment, be they physical, psychological, professional or sexual, is strictly prohibited.

8.5 Intentional violation

Any intentional violation of the physical or intellectual integrity of gymnasts, coaches, assistants, judges or officials is prohibited.



8.6 Agreement of results

The ethical principle of the sport is that gymnasts, teams, assistants, officials and clubs will during the competition give their best performance.

The club, gymnasts, team or official that participates in the agreement of the competition results beforehand will get penalized.

8.7 Betting

A gymnast and/or a person that belongs to the team, like a coach or director of the club or team can not personally or by representative bet on the competition event in which it/she/he is participating.

8.8 Misleading

Misleading or giving false information to IFAGG is prohibited and will be penalized.

8.9 Neutrality

All Judges and Officials shall remain politically neutral, in accordance with the principles and objectives of the IFAGG, the federations, confederations, associations and clubs, and generally act in a manner compatible with their function and integrity.

8.10 Confidentiality

Officials shall not disclose improperly information entrusted to them in confidence by the IFAGG. The obligation is to respect confidentiality.

8.11 Ethical measures

The penalties given by IFAGG Council for the violation of the ethical principles mentioned in the article 9 above are:

- Written warning.
- Prohibition to compete or act as an official during 1 competition season.
- Permanent prohibition for a repeated violation of ethical principles.

9 Trademarks and logos in the good spirit of the sport

By the general rules of IFAGG the gymnast or team can be punished for the print or logo that is against the good spirit and good custom of the sport by notification or warning. If the offence is repeated, other penalties mentioned in the article 2 above may be applied.

10 Financial resources

IFAGG financial resources may only be used to support gymnastics purposes and objectives as approved by decisions at IFAGG Council. Financial resources must be documented according to sound accounting principles and be fully transparent.

IFAGG members shall take care of its finance according to the rules and regulations that have been given and properly observe their financial duties.

11 Miscellaneous

Any other violations of IFAGG rules or law will be solved and penalized according to the general and adequate stipulations of this IFAGG Code of Discipline.



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FINAL DISPOSITION

12 Changing and confirming the rules

The IFAGG Council will decide and confirm the IFAGG Code of Discipline.
IFAGG Code of Discipline will be approved at the General Assembly of IFAGG.