

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics

CODE OF ETHICS

PREAMBLE

International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (IFAGG) has been established on 12 October 2003 and is recognized as the world governing and supreme authority for all matters relating to aesthetic group gymnastics (AGG). IFAGG is a non-profit international federation.

This **Code of Ethics shall apply to:** IFAGG, IFAGG members and their authorities, representatives, members, gymnasts, coaches, judges, officials, elected persons, employees, consultants, advisors, partners, medical, technical and support staff, participants, persons accredited or participated at AGG events, any other individuals engaged at AGG activities as well as any accompaniment of the mentioned persons. This Code shall also apply to all third parties and contractually connected subjects representing or serving IFAGG in any specific or formal capacity; the engaged IFAGG members shall inform such third parties/subjects of the Code of Ethics content and requirements. All the above persons are obliged to follow the rules stipulated by this Code of Ethics (all persons bounded by this Code of Ethics are herein after referred to as **“the IFAGG members and participants”**).

The **IFAGG members and participants** shall generally respect and observe the IFAGG rules, principles and stipulations, to protect and respect the basic human rights and dignity, to protect the environment, to respect and observe any other rights, internationally or nationally valid law and regulations and internationally or nationally valid sport statutes and rules which are relating and valid for IFAGG, the IFAGG members and participants, the IFAGG's activities or activities of IFAGG members and participants. Some specific rights and obligations are mentioned herein after in this Code of Ethics.

IFAGG's intention, willingness and responsibility are the promotion of the very highest values and ethical standards in all aspects of the sport. Therefore, this document shall establish standards and basic guidelines for the IFAGG's and its members' and participants' activities.

HONESTY AND FAIRNESS

Fair play is the basic principle in the sport of AGG and generally in all sports.

Any form of influence or manipulation in judging or scoring or any other corrupt practices relating to AGG are prohibited.

It is forbidden to disclose information if such disclosure is made maliciously in order to damage the interest of IFAGG, its members or AGG. The IFAGG members and participants shall not make any negative or adverse comments on policy approved and adopted by IFAGG and its authorities; in case of necessity, it is strictly recommended to use the mechanisms stipulated by IFAGG's Statutes, Rules, Code of Discipline and other documents solving the correct procedural approaches. The freedom of speech is not affected.

HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITY AND DIGNITY

All IFAGG members and participants are aware of the necessity to protect, respect and observe the fundamental human rights and dignity.

Strictly prohibited are the below mentioned behaving, even propagation or endorsement of the following:

- discrimination (for any reason, especially with respect to race, origin, religion, age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, philosophical or political attitude, family status, etc.);
- violation in any manners (especially violation of physical or intellectual integrity);
- any kind of harassment (e.g. psychological, professional, physical or sexual);
- and any other behaviors disrespecting or being in breach of extensive human rights and human dignity.

ANTI-DOPING

All doping at any level is absolutely forbidden.

Stated anti-doping rules must be strictly observed.

All IFAGG members and participants shall be aware of the valid documents relating the anti-doping rules – it is their responsibility to get acknowledgement of the valid rules, substances, methods, etc.

INTEGRITY

In connection with any IFAGG events and activities (for example, but not limited to, in connection with organization, conducting, judging, voting, applying, etc.), it is for all **IFAGG members and participants** strictly prohibited to offer or provide, to accept or demand any unofficial, nonstandard or obscure favours or advantages (directly or indirectly).

All **IFAGG members and participants** must fulfill their responsibilities, rights and obligations with due care and diligence. This duty relates to all possible responsibilities – especially:

- responsibilities stipulated under IFAGG documents and rules,
- responsibilities undertaken by an IFAGG member or participant based on their own willingness / intention / act / application (e.g. participation on some IFAGG / AGG project, application for organizing of an IFAGG event, competition, seminar etc., application for participation at IFAGG / AGG events, etc.);
- as well as any other responsibilities arising from international or national law and rules valid for the purposes under this Code.

The **IFAGG members and participants** shall save and protect credit of IFAGG and all its members and participants. They shall refrain from any false, unfair and disrespectful behaving.

Especially for the **judges**, the special rules contained in IFAGG documents apply. All **IFAGG members and participants** are obliged to avoid any behaving and activity which would disturb or impact the judges' work, evaluation or role.

All **organizers of any IFAGG events** must respect IFAGG as well as general rules relating to organization of any particular event. They are responsible for their suppliers, providers, contractors, assistants, etc.

All **participants at any IFAGG events** must respect the organization requirements and regulations given by IFAGG, IFAGG rules, general rules, as well as stated by the organizers of the particular events in compliance with the IFAGG rules.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The **IFAGG members and participants** are required to observe their potential conflicts of interest in any area of IFAGG and its members' activities, events, relations, etc. and are obliged to watch and be aware of all IFAGG rules relating to conflict of interest. They should avoid any situation that could lead to conflicts of interest.

In case of any existing or potential interest conflict, the **IFAGG members and participants** are required to inform the appropriate IFAGG authorities and representatives or authorities and representatives of IFAGG members.

Especially, but not limited to, the **judges and officials** are strongly required to observe the rules regarding the conflict of interest.

OTHER RELATIONS

IFAGG built and keeps good relations and cooperation with other sport organizations and authorities on international and national levels, with other public as well as private subjects, organizations, authorities and institutions, **which respect the principle human rights and dignity.**

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Persons bound by this Code of Ethics shall immediately report any potential violation of this Code to the Council and to the Ethics Committee of IFAGG.

The Ethics Committee informs the IFAGG Council about any applications submitted to the Committee as well as the Council informs and may ask for opinion the Ethical Committee in the cases which are covered by the Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee cooperates with the Council. The Ethics Committee shall provide the Council with its recommendations regarding the submitted causes (violations) based on the Council's request. The final decisions are issued by the Council.

At the request of the Council and/or the Ethics Committee the IFAGG members and participants are obliged to provide the requested explanations and matters of facts.

The Ethics Committee consists of three members at minimum and is nominated by the IFAGG Council. For the procedures and acting of the Ethics Committee the standard procedural stipulations and principles valid and used for acting of other IFAGG authorities shall apply.