

Procedure:

Promoting positive behaviours at events.

Purpose:

To ensure a respectful and enjoyable environment during gymnastics competitions by setting clear boundaries and consequences for inappropriate conduct towards judges.

1. Access to Judges' Table During Competition Activity

- All scores will be available to coaches during the competition. The D score will be shown on the judges table or on screen after each routine.
- Coaches must not approach the judges table.
- If a coach has an inquiry about the D score or penalties this must be submitted via the inquiry form to the floor manager. These will be passed to the relevant panel/judge who will provide written feedback at the end of the round.
- Inquiries must be submitted by the end of the round.
- You cannot query E (execution).

2. Behavioural Expectations

- All individuals within the competition environment, including judges, coaches, officials, and volunteers, are expected to always conduct themselves professionally and respectfully.
- Aggressive, confrontational, or inappropriate behaviour — whether verbal or physical — will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

3. Yellow and Red Card System

To uphold a safe and respectful environment, a card system will be implemented for addressing behavioural concerns:

Yellow Card (Formal Warning):

- Issued in response to minor but inappropriate conduct or first instances of poor behaviour.
- Serves as an official warning that further infractions may lead to removal from the competition environment.

Red Card (Final Action):

- Issued in response to continued or serious breaches of conduct.
- Will result in immediate removal from the competition floor or venue and referral to case management for further action. *
- If a coach is removed from the competition, it is the clubs responsibility to ensure that the needs of the gymnasts in attendance are met, this includes a coach to support skills at the relevant level.

*If there is only one coach with the relevant qualification the coach would remain in the competition under supervision of the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer (SWO). A referral will then be made to case management for further investigation.

4. Authority to Issue Cards

The following officials are authorised to issue a Yellow or Red Card as appropriate:

- Floor Manager
- SWO (Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer)
- Head Judge or Judging Convenor
- Welsh Gymnastics Staff Member

All card incidents will be documented and reported to the Competition Organiser and/or the relevant governing body post-event.

Card issuing will be monitored and reviewed by the Case Management Panel of Welsh Gymnastics to determine whether any further action or restrictions are required.

5. Appeals and Disputes

- Any disputes regarding a Yellow or Red Card must be raised after the competition, through the appropriate complaints or feedback process. Please email complaints@welshgymnastics.org.
- On-the-day decisions are final and aimed at protecting the immediate integrity and safety of the competition environment.