

United States Parkour Association

Judges Code of Conduct

The United States Parkour Association Judges Code of Conduct Policy exists to elevate and maintain the high standard of sportsmanship in competitive parkour and amongst competitive parkour athletes through fair and transparent actions. It has been developed to maintain safety and enjoyment during sanctioned play and is aligned with USPK values of respect, sportsmanship, and fairness.

Acting as a judge on behalf of the United States Parkour Association (USPK) is a privilege whether one is participating, coaching, officiating, or simply attending a USPK event or activity. The integrity and safety of competitive parkour games require agreement and adherence to the policies outlined within this document. The Judges Code of Conduct applies to all USPK Members, Board and Committee Members, Officers, employees, volunteers, and all those attending USPK-sanctioned events acting as a judge.

Should a USPK judge ever encounter a conflict or have a question about an action, submit an inquiry for further information and guidance.

Code of Conduct

As a judge for the USPK, you hold a position of trust and responsibility. To ensure fair and consistent evaluation of athletes, the following code of conduct must be adhered to at all times:

1. Impartiality & Fairness

- **Neutrality:** Judges must remain impartial and unbiased, treating all athletes equally regardless of personal relationships, nationality, or affiliations.
- **No Favoritism:** Refrain from any actions that might suggest favoritism or preferential treatment to any athlete or team.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Disclose any potential conflicts of interest (personal, financial, or professional) and recuse yourself from judging in such cases.

2. Professionalism

- **Respect:** Judges are expected to show respect to athletes, coaches, fellow judges, and staff. Maintain a calm, composed demeanor in all interactions. Resolve all conflicts related to the sport of competitive parkour in a professional and respectful manner. Be professional on and off, inside and out of the event. The only acceptable standard is good sportsmanship.

- **Confidentiality:** Maintain the confidentiality of scores, results, or internal deliberations until they are officially released.
- **Punctuality:** Arrive on time for all events and meetings, prepared to fulfill your duties throughout the competition.

3. Integrity

- **Transparency:** Be honest and transparent in the application of rules and the assessment of performances.
- **No Bribery:** Judges must not accept gifts, favors, or any form of compensation from athletes, teams, or associated parties that could influence their judgment.
- **Rule Adherence:** Stay up-to-date on the USPK rules and regulations. Apply them consistently to ensure fair competition. Be responsible for their actions and behaviors and for reading, understanding, and abiding by all applicable policies, including those of USPK, at the competitions and events in which they participate.

4. Competence & Education

- **Continued Learning:** Commit to ongoing education and training to ensure a deep understanding of the sport's evolving techniques, standards, and culture.
- **Consistency:** Strive for consistency in scoring across performances by applying the same standards and criteria in all situations.
- **Feedback:** Be open to constructive feedback regarding your judging to continuously improve your effectiveness and fairness.

5. Sportsmanship

- **Encourage Fair Play:** Promote the spirit of fair play, ensuring athletes compete within the framework of the rules and respect each other.
- **Avoid Public Criticism:** Do not publicly criticize or demean any athlete, coach, judge, or organization. Feedback should be given constructively and in appropriate settings.

6. Judicial Responsibilities

- **Clear Decision-Making:** Make your decisions with clarity and confidence, backed by an understanding of the criteria, and be able to justify them when asked.
- **Non-Interference:** Refrain from influencing other judges during competitions, and respect the collaborative nature of the judging process. All judges are to refrain from conduct that is disruptive and/or detracts or adversely affects competing athletes for purposes of gaining a competitive edge.

- **Technology Use:** Use any judging technology responsibly and only for its intended purpose during events.

7. Disciplinary Action

- **Accountability:** Violations of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspension, or removal from judging roles.

This Judges Code of Conduct ensures that judges maintain the highest standards of professionalism and fairness, which is vital for building trust in the competitive parkour community.

Violations of this Judges Code of Conduct and its policy subject the judge to discipline pursuant to the United States Parkour Association bylaws and rules and regulations and to the potential loss of membership and participation within United States Parkour Association.