

# 1. Purpose

1.1. The ACA promotes competition and athleticism through excellent sportsmanship and fair play. All coaches, athletes and spectators are expected to participate with good sportsmanship. Although competition may become intense, we expect all parties to maintain good sportsmanship up to and after the final award.

### 2. Professional Conduct

2.1. When a coach is in discussion with a judge, event host, other coaches, athletes and parents/spectators, they must maintain proper professional conduct.

#### 3. Penalties

3.1. Failing to maintain professional conduct may result in a one (1) point deduction, removal of coach, or disqualification.

#### 4. Procedures

4.1. If anyone is concerned with the conduct of a coach, athlete or spectator, please inform an ACA staff member, ACA Judge or event volunteer.

## 5. Unsportsmanlike Behaviour

- 5.1. Unsportsmanlike behaviour includes, but is not restricted to:
  - 5.1.1. Inappropriate and deliberate physical contact between any event attendee including an official, event host, coach, athlete or parent/spectator;
  - 5.1.2. Abuse of equipment or any items associated with the event;
  - 5.1.3. Using language or a gesture that is obscene offensive or insulting;
  - 5.1.4. Using language or a gesture that offend race, gender, religion, colour, descent, national or ethnic origin;
  - 5.1.5. Excessive appealing at Score Check;
  - 5.1.6. Showing dissent towards scoring official decision by word or action;
  - 5.1.7. Threat of assault to an event related incident or official; and/or
  - 5.1.8. Public criticism of an event related incident or ACA member or administrator.