



## AAU Trampoline and Tumbling Judging Code of Points

### I. Mission, Vision, and Culture Statement

**Mission Statement** - To offer amateur sports programs through a volunteer base for all people to have the physical, mental, and moral development of amateur athletes and to promote good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

**Vision Statement** - To offer amateur athletes and volunteers opportunities to develop to their highest level through a national and local network of sporting events. Through participation in AAU, we achieve our dreams as athletes and as valued citizens of our communities.

**Culture Statement** - We are a family, that extends beyond the office, to permeate society as a whole. Like sports itself, we transcend any boundaries, barriers, or borders to provide a safe, nurturing, and inclusive workplace for our devoted employees thereby creating a developmental environment for our athletes to make life-changing memories for all. We raise tomorrow's leaders on today's playgrounds, one athlete at a time. Our supportive approach embraces energy, enthusiasm, and healthy competition - and we have a little fun doing it!

### II. Code of Ethics

As an AAU Trampoline & Tumbling Judge, you agree to abide by the Judges Code of Ethics.

1. A good judge is an individual, that is educated to evaluate a performance based on technical execution, and to pass fair and unbiased judgment on that performance.
2. Judges are expected to be objective, professional, and free from prejudice. The following should not affect your evaluation:
  - a. Reputation: The past performance of an athlete should have no bearing on your score. Judge only the elements you see in the moment.
  - b. Relationships: Personal relationships with an athlete, coach, parent, etc., whether positive or negative, should not be reflected in your score.
  - c. Warm-up: Any warm-up passes should have no bearing on scoring, for the actual competition.
  - d. Difficulty: Judge each element fairly, using the same criteria: regardless of its difficulty.

e. Improper/Unsolicited Feedback: Judges should not initiate a discussion of deductions or how to coach an athlete.

3. Element Identification: a judge should be as knowledgeable as possible, in recognizing elements at the levels they will judge.

4. Behavior: a professional manner and appearance will win the respect, of those observing a judge at work.

a. Dress Code:

- 1) Dark slacks or skirt in navy blue or black.
- 2) A solid white shirt or blouse.
- 3) Dress shoes that are a solid color of black, navy, brown, or nude.
- 4) Black or navy cardigan, blazer, or sport coat.
- 5) A Current AAU Judges Badge.

b. In the interest of fairness: judges must be allowed to perform their duties without distraction.

- 1) If you have your own children competing or attending, while judging: please have your child wait to talk or approach, until a flashed score.

c. Please refrain from personal phone use during active judging. You are allowed to use your cell phones on the floor, but please be aware of the surroundings, while doing so.

5. Commitment to Impartiality: Judges must commit to maintaining strict neutrality in all competitive settings. Engaging in coaching activities — formally or informally — during employment as a judge, undermines this neutrality and is prohibited.

6. Judging Efficiency: professionalism is important. The growth and excellence of the sport depends on the professional manner of each judge.

- a. Arrive on time and be fully prepared. Bring your own paper, pencils, etc.
- b. Return from breaks on time. An athlete should never have to wait to compete.
- c. Have the current Code Of Points and “Cheat Sheets” printed and available.
- d. Be prepared to justify your scores. An execution score may not be protested except for a possible numerical error. However, you should be able to explain the deductions you made to arrive at your score.

### **III. Judges Requirements for Active Status**

1. All judges must have a valid AAU Membership. To attain membership, visit [www.aausports.org](http://www.aausports.org). Go to membership, and click Join Now. You will choose the “Non-Athlete” membership. During this process, you will need to consent to a background check, conducted by the AAU.
2. All judges must take the annual AAU Judge’s Course, which will always be after AAU Convention or Congress. The AAU maintains this schedule, to ensure new rules or regulations are added/removed, and changed.
3. In-Gym Hours: All judges will have to complete four hours of in-gym time. Watching athletes develop elements will help you improve as a judge. There is a sheet that will need to be signed by a coach or owner of the gym. Properly completed sheets shall be sent to the Judges Liaison, for validation.
4. All judges must be 16 years old by September 30, of the year they are attempting to complete a judges course.

### **IV. Panel Selection Procedures**

1. Invitational: The Meet Director is responsible for seating panels.
2. State or Regional Championships: The Judges Liaison will need to approve the list of judges chosen for these competitions.
3. National Championships and Junior Olympics: The Judges Liaison is responsible for seating panels.
4. Judges will be required to attend all Coaches and Judges meetings at all competitions. At Nationals and Junior Olympics, judges may need to attend Open Workouts. When the schedules are sent out, any required trainings or meetings will be noted.
5. Judges should not be soliciting any gyms, coaches, or Executive Committee members to judge at competitions.