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United Country Western Dance Council Judge Agreement

It is an honor to be an official UCWDC Judge. This privilege reflects your achievements and experience with regards to a high level of knowledge both of dancing and methods of adjudication. The position of judge demands behavior which includes adoption of the UCWDC judge methodology, respect to all Event Directors, and a dedication to the competitor to provide the best judgment possible.

Please remember as a certified judge you are always an Ambassador of the UCWDC even if you are not judging. You are an employee of the Event Director for the duration of the event at which you are hired. Your conduct affects the image of the event and the UCWDC.

Specifics in regards to competition:

1. Professional conduct must be maintained at all times in order to be a UCWDC judge.
** maintain proper decorum in dealing with the competitors, Event Directors and other associated members of the dance community (even when not at an event). **INITIALS** _____
2. Proper dress as requested by the Event Director is expected during all judging assignments. **INITIALS** _____
3. Be on time for all assignments; please arrive at the time requested per Event Director. **INITIALS** _____
4. No texting or phone calls are allowed during your judging assignments. **INITIALS** _____
5. Refrain from alcoholic beverages prior to your judging assignment. Drinking will not be tolerated. **INITIALS** _____
6. Refrain from eating while you are judging with the exception of a small snack if a long contest. **INITIALS** _____
7. Refrain from talking to you your fellow judges while a competition is going on. Idle chatter is unprofessional and disrespectful to the competitors while they are dancing. **INITIALS** _____
8. During their shift on a panel, each judge must focus all of their attention on the contestants, have a positive demeanor and facial appearance and complete their ballots only in the last few seconds of each song. **INITIALS** _____
9. Should you have a problem during the competition please contact the Contest Coordinator. **INITIALS** _____
10. In the event you need to approach a competitor concerning their performance, costume etc. please let the Contest Coordinator know and approach the competitor (and teacher if possible) with the Contest Coordinator such that you have a witness. **INITIALS** _____
11. A judge may never coerce, intimidate, or in any way perceivably threaten contestants into taking private lessons or coaching from them. **INITIALS** _____
12. Judges are not allowed to critique or make written comments about a competitor while they are judging. **INITIALS** _____
13. No fraternization concerning coaching or dancing can occur with a competitor that you are judging until their contest is over. **INITIALS** _____
14. Judges must exclude themselves from a contest if a dance partner, personal partner, business partner or relative is being judged in that event. **INITIALS** _____
15. When not on shift, Judges are encouraged to socialize equitably with patrons. They may not isolate themselves in the company of any contestant(s) that they might judge during the event. i.e., room with, privately converse with or publicly fraternize with. **INITIALS** _____
16. Private lessons may not be given to contestants until after they are finished competing. **INITIALS** _____
17. Judges may not discuss dance information with any contestant they are judging until after the contest session

has been completed. INITIALS _____



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Maintenance of your position:

1. You agree to adhere to the UCWDC Judge Methodology and Curriculum. (Please refer to copy of Judge Methodology).
2. Your scores will be evaluated to insure that you are using the UCWDC Judge Methodology. If there is sufficient evidence that you are not using UCWDC Judge Methodology, a suspension may be given until further education is acquired.
3. Completing all Continuing Education and Fundamental B requirements, open book test etc. on time. Failure to do so could result in suspension and/or penalty.
4. Full understanding of the UCWDC Rules is expected of each judge.
5. Always speak positively about other UCWDC Judges, Event Directors and the UCWDC. Always speak positively to our competitors.
5. Any changes in your contact information will be forwarded to the Vice President of Judge Certification.
6. All issues pertaining to judge certification should be forwarded to the Vice President of Judge Certification.
7. Your certification does not guarantee employment. Undue pressure from a judge to gain employment prior to an event will not be tolerated.

I, _____, agree to adhere to the policies and procedures set forth by the UCWDC Judge Certification Department. I understand that in the event I do not follow this agreement the UCWDC has the right to dismiss or suspend me from my adjudicator position.

Print Judge Name

Judge Signature

Date