

ISKA RULE ON CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

1. WHO IS AN "OFFICIAL".

For the purposes of this Rule, "Official" refers to any judges, scorekeepers, timekeepers, or any other person authorized by ISKA or NASKA and assigned to be participating in the conduct and officiating of any type of competition at an event.

2. WHO IS A "COMPETITOR".

For purposes of this Rule, "Competitor" refers to persons actually taking part in the competition, AND to coaches, teammates, instructors, parents, relatives, and friends of the persons competing, who are maintaining a presence in any area other than that reserved for spectators at the event.

3. CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS.

All ISKA & NASKA Officials and Competitors are to maintain courteous and professional contact with each other at all times, during and after events, whether verbal, written, or otherwise.

Before a specific division at an ISKA or NASKA event, Competitors and Officials who will be involved in that division should limit discussion between each other regarding the division to rules and procedural questions. During a division, Competitors may not communicate in any way to or with any Official involved in that division, with the exception of a properly lodged protest conforming with the ISKA or NASKA Protest Rule. In this context, "communication" includes any attempt to speak to an official concerning the competition, criticize, harass or intimidate an official through words or actions, or to encourage others to do so.

Following a division, Competitors may not harass or communicate negatively with Officials who were involved in that division. Officials may not comment negatively on the performance of any particular Competitor nor the group, nor may an Official offer advice or suggestions to any Competitors individually or as a group.

4. VIOLATION OF THE RULE

Any Competitor who, in the determination of a center judge, an arbitrator, or an ISKA or NASKA director, violates this rule, is subject to discipline by ISKA and/or NASKA including reprimand, loss of ratings points, suspension from one or more ISKA or NASKA divisions or events, or, if the violation is during a specific division, disqualification from that division or future divisions or events. Any Official who, in the determination of a center judge, an arbitrator, or an ISKA or NASKA director, violates this rule, is subject to discipline by ISKA and/or NASKA including reprimand, removal from officiating duties during a division or event, or suspension from future ISKA or NASKA events.