

UNITED STATES LUGE ASSOCIATION

THE OFFICIALS CREED

1. **Officials shall** bear a great responsibility for engendering public confidence in sports in general and luge in particular.
2. **Officials shall** be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of the competitions assigned to them.
3. **Officials shall** hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
4. **Officials shall** master both rules of the sport and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
5. **Officials shall** uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with athletes, coaches, school administrators, colleagues and the public.
6. **Officials shall** display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
7. **Officials shall** recognize that anything which may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with an athlete or team which can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
8. **Officials shall** prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall dress neatly and appropriately, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
9. **Officials shall** not be party to actions designed to unfairly limit or restrain access to officiating, officiating assignments or to association membership. This includes selection for positions of leadership based upon economic factors, race, creed, color, age, sex, physical handicap, country or national origin.
10. **Officials shall** be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all responsibilities and obligations.
11. **Officials shall** work with each other and their governing bodies in a constructive and cooperative manner.
12. **Officials shall** resist every temptation and outside pressure to use ones position as an official to benefit oneself.
13. **Officials shall** never participate in any form of illegal gambling on a sports contest, may never gamble on any luge event in which they have either a direct or indirect involvement, and may never gamble on events involving junior age athletes.
14. **Officials shall** not make false or misleading statements regarding their qualifications, rating, credentials, experience, training or competence.
15. **Officials shall** accept responsibility for all actions taken.