

NACQJ Candidate Code of Conduct

An NACQJ Candidate:

- Exemplifies professional conduct at NACQJ Partner Shows and other NACQJ events.
- Acts professionally and respectfully in all circumstances while representing NACQJ or using one's NACQJ designation, including but not limited to while working in the judging room; communicating with other judges, guilds, sponsors, and candidates; and while giving lectures or teaching classes.
- Chooses professional attire when judging, attending Partner Shows, and representing NACQJ.
- Submits paperwork that is written solely by the candidate in their own words based on their own research as cited in their bibliography. Use of any type of artificial intelligence technology or plagiarism is prohibited.
- Honors commitments with organization/sponsor when a signed contract is in place.
- Is willing to work congenially with others in the judging room and is willing to step in to offer help when needed.
- Treats other judges, whether certified or non-certified, amicably, values their decisions, and works to come to a mutual decision when assigning awards.
- Always treats the exhibitor, exhibitor's work, aides, show sponsors, and any other judge(s) working the show with respect.
- Paces himself/herself in order to finish judging duties in a timely manner.
- Maintains confidentiality regarding a quilt, its maker, and the show's proprietary information.
- Is willing to disqualify himself/herself if failure to do so may create any questions of impropriety about the objectivity of the judge's evaluation. If judging alone, exceptions may be required.
- Refrains from publicly criticizing another judge or judge's decision or opinion, in person, in writing, or on social media.
- Maintains professionalism when posting on social media.
- Directs questions/concerns regarding Certified Judge or Candidate conduct/actions to the Candidate Coordinator.

Consequences

Violations of the Code of Conduct should be immediately reported to the Candidate Coordinator. All reports will be investigated, said violations will be noted in the Candidate's file, and appropriate action will be determined by the Candidate Coordinator. Egregious violations will be grounds for immediate dismissal.

Candidate's Signature

Date

