

GBO Policies and Procedures

A. Zero Tolerance-

GBO is a Zero Tolerance Organization. While we do not drug test our athletes, we encourage all Athletes to be drug free. Any signs of drug use will result in the athlete not placing during the judging period. Examples: (extended abdominal, synthol abuse and/or inflammation/swollen due to injections)

B. Athlete Code of Conduct/Suspensions/Disqualification

Disciplinary action may be considered by the Directors with communication to the President of GBO for any violations bringing discredit upon the GBO, including, but not limited to, passing "bad" checks, participation of athletes in an improper age division, or any violation of any part of the rules and guidelines under the Global Bodybuilding Organization. In instances of alleged violations, Board of Review action may be taken against athletes due to conduct unbecoming of and not limited to athletes, their coaches, parents/friends etc.

1. Disqualification Criteria due to unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Such conduct includes any conduct which is unethical or dishonorable, such as disrespectfully addressing an official, fighting, taunting, and criticism of another competitor and/or using profanity. GBO specifically disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.
2. This rule shall apply to all athletes and their team personnel, friends and family.
3. Engagement in unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification from that event and/or further competition within GBO. Removal of an athlete's coach or other personnel shall be from further involvement/attendance at an event. In addition, penalties that may be imposed include, but are not limited to: Suspension, expulsion, probation, reprimands, warning, or other penalties appropriate to the situation. Penalties may be imposed at the local GBO District level, National Qualifier level and/or National level or Pro Level show. An inappropriate action at a District or National Qualifying meet may be grounds for disqualification or expulsion of an athlete for the entire contest for a set period of time. Penalties may be imposed for violations of GBO's Athlete Contest Rules, Ethical Policies, and Code or the competitive rules of the GBO.