

Operations Challenge Code of Conduct

This code of conduct describes the behavioral expectations for all individuals participating in Operations Challenge. This set of guidelines encourages a commitment to ethical and professional behavior by all participating parties.

Team Members shall pledge to:

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with a judge or event coordinator and use the process for filing a protest where disagreements arise.
- Control your emotions at all times.
- Place the safety and welfare of all participants above all else.
- Emphasize the spirit of Operations Challenge as an educational and positive networking opportunity.
- Treat all participants as you like to be treated, do not take unfair advantage of another team, or situation for the benefit of your team.

Judges and Event Coordinators shall pledge to:

- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Be knowledgeable and supportive of rules and penalties.
- Condemn unsportsmanlike or unprofessional behavior.
- Emphasize the spirit of Operations Challenge as an educational and positive networking opportunity.
- Encourage and promote improvements to events to enhance Operations Challenge
- Never argue with a team member or captain, use the process for responding to protests where disagreements arise.

Spectators shall pledge to:

- Respect and support judges, event coordinators, and all team members
- Demonstrate professional and good sportsmanlike behavior through positive support for all participants through all aspects of the competition
- Emphasize the spirit of Operations Challenge as an educational and positive networking opportunity.

Participants deemed to be in violation of the code will be cautioned. Participants that receive a second caution will be ejected from the competition. Their team will be required to complete the competition with only the remaining team members. Enforcement will not be limited to conduct while competing, and all spectators are expected to comply as well.

Violations include but will not be limited to throwing equipment or clothing, outbursts of profanity, disrespectful treatment of volunteers, and commentary regarding judging or team performances.