

# VASE Juror Code of Ethics and Professional Standards

Jurors shall know and uphold all rules and policy for Visual Arts Scholastic Event (TEAM, Junior VASE, VASE) as stated in the current editions of the VASE Rules, Policy and Procedures published by the Texas Art Education Association. Failure to comply with the VASE Juror Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct will be considered an ethics violation and may result in suspension or removal from the VASE program and certified juror pool.

1. Jurors shall be physically, emotionally and mentally fit to discharge their duties at a VASE event.
2. Jurors shall maintain an ethical code of conduct which will not impair or prejudice effectiveness as an adjudicator, before, during and immediately following an event.
3. Jurors shall honor all event commitments, assignments and duties. Prompt notification to the juror foreman regarding emergency situations is required.
4. Jurors shall avoid any behavior that might be interpreted as favoritism by event participants and sponsors.
5. Jurors shall not discuss negatively other jurors, committee members, sponsors or participants.
6. Jurors are expected to use discretion in accepting assignments at sites that would likely be considered a violation of good common sense or a potential conflict of interest.
7. Jurors shall not announce the ratings, awards, or perform any of the tasks of the juror foreman/regional director, or become openly involved in interpreting the rules of the event.
8. Jurors shall correct mistakes immediately.
9. Jurors shall not accept or solicit any gift, favor, service, or other benefit that could reasonably be construed to influence the juror's discharge of assigned duties and responsibilities
10. Jurors shall not confer with anyone before they have made their adjudication decision unless it is part of the identified VASE process or part of the juror calibration process.
11. Jurors shall not use social media or other forms of contact to announce results/ratings from events and should refrain from commenting on any event they have adjudicated or could possibly adjudicate in the future.
12. Jurors shall respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged or that, if disclosed, may needlessly injure the VASE program, individuals or schools.
13. Jurors will operate only within their scope of practice in comments both written and verbal.