

STANDARD CODES OF CONDUCT FOR GURU RELATED MATTERS

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- A. Privilege to accept initiation from guru of choice: Any member of ISKCON may accept initiation from the guru of his choice according to mature faith and desire for advancing in Krsna consciousness. This is provided the guru is eligible to initiate, the candidate is qualified, and that the procedures authorized in this regard are adhered to.
- B. Privilege to listen to any bona fide ISKCON guru's tapes.
- C. Privilege of an initiated devotee to serve in ISKCON.
- D. Privilege of a disciple to glorify his guru.

II. CODE OF CONDUCT OF A GURU

- A. Standards of action of guru in a temple
 - 1. No canvassing for disciples.
 - 2. No transferring disciples without permission of authorities.
 - 3. No preaching which distracts faith of existing disciples.
 - 4. Must cooperate with ISKCON spiritual authorities.
 - 5. Must show good example for other devotees.
 - 6. Must work and preach for the interest of the temple.
 - 7. No initiating of any disciple who has not been recommended.
 - 8. No initiating until one's blessing to be diksa guru is given.
 - 9. Coordinate ceremonies with temple schedule.
 - 10. Should not keep separate accounts unless authorized.
- B. Standards with ISKCON spiritual authorities
 - 1. Must cooperate with ISKCON spiritual authorities.
 - 2. Must preach to disciples and others to cooperate.
 - 3. Must act according to service position not guru position.
 - 4. Must not undermine spiritual authorities in any way.
 - 5. Must avoid confrontation and settle misunderstandings amicably.
 - 6. Must show financial records if need arises.
- C. Standards with GBC zonal secretary.
 - 1. Must act under supervision and coordination of GBC, zonal secretary.

2. Must not leave temple or move without informing GBC.

D. Standards with GBC body.

1. Respect GBC (body) as representative of Srila Prabhupada.
2. Follow directives of GBC.
3. Stop initiations if asked to by GBC body.
4. Follow disciplinary codes as prescribed by GBC body.

GENERAL CODES FOR EVERYONE

- A. Protecting the faith of all disciples.
- B. Encouraging the faith of new people in ISKCON.
- C. Allowing disciples to accept initiation from guru of their faith.
- D. Instruct all devotees to follow GBC system and guru-parampara.
- E. Not to initiate without receiving full blessings.
- F. To surrender one's disciples to the ISKCON temple structure.
- G. To be accountable to the spiritual authorities for one's acts.