

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION – JUDGING PANELS – CHAPTER 1

C. CHIEF JUDGE

1. Prepares the Judges for the correct evaluation of the exercises at the Judges' meeting prior to the competition.
2. Checks that the apparatus and mats correspond to the USA Gymnastics regulations and that all materials necessary are available and functioning properly. This could include:
 - a. Light or Time Signals
 - b. Stopwatches
3. Instructs Judging Assistants to assure their knowledge of the:
 - a. Correct use of the signal to indicate line violations.
 - b. Correct use of the stopwatch and timing device to indicate time limitations.
 - c. Proper reporting procedures for the following violations:
 - 1) Exceeding the time allowed
 - 2) Stepping out of the Floor Exercise area
 - d. Correct method of scoring being used.
 - e. Correct procedures for flashing of start values, individual scores and / or the average score.
4. Is responsible for the correct work of her / his panel and assistant Judges.
5. Uses a green flag or hand signal to acknowledge the presentation of the Gymnast.
6. Must evaluate the exercises accurately without bias and must first write (or enter into the electronic scoring system) her / his own score before reviewing scores from other Judges.
7. Must determine and record the Score and Start Value, as well as record deductions for execution / amplitude, artistry, compositional errors and neutral deductions.
 - Should write the European 7.
8. Verifies that the scores fall within the proper range.
9. Verifies that the score of the Chief Judge, Panel Judge(s), average score and time / line deductions are properly recorded during the competition.
 - a. It is not necessary to sign the official score sheet.
 - b. Judges must keep a record of scores on a heat sheet.
10. Confirms when a Gymnast may repeat an exercise (or portion of the exercise) due to technical failure and determines when the repetition (or continuation) will occur.
 - a. A flash from a camera is not a valid reason to allow a Gymnast to repeat the exercise.
 - b. These decisions must be made in consultation with the Meet Referee prior to the score being flashed.
11. Is responsible for calling a conference if an impossible Start Value has been awarded and / or for other reasons to assist the Judges in arriving at a common basis for scoring during competition. During the conference:
 - a. The Start Value differences will be clarified.
 - b. The Meet Referee may be notified of and / or be included in the discussion.
 - c. The Judges may change their scores, but are not obliged to do so; however, if the scores are out of the allowable range, adjustments must be made. It is the professional responsibility of the Judges to come to an agreement if their scores are initially out of range.
 - d. If the Judges are unable to compromise, the Chief Judge may mandate that the scores be brought into the allowable range.

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12. Takes the deduction from the Average Score for the following infractions. The deduction must be indicated to the Coach either verbally or by visual means at the conclusion of the exercise.

<u>0.10</u>	Overtime
<u>0.10</u>	Coach standing between the Bars or next to Beam throughout the entire exercise
each time <u>0.10</u>	Any part of the body touching outside of the Floor Exercise border marking.
each time <u>0.10</u>	Failure to present before and after exercise. It is required to present to the Chief Judge before the exercise. Presentation to a judge is not required at the end of the exercise.
<u>0.10</u>	Failure to mark the boundary line on additional mats, which covers the boundary line.
<u>0.20</u>	Gymnast fails to begin exercise within 30 sec. after the Chief Judge signals to begin
<u>0.20</u>	Unsportsmanlike conduct of Gymnast (after warning)
<u>0.20</u>	Incorrect padding (Gymnast wearing heel / hip pads on bars) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the Chief Judge notices the heel pads prior to the Gymnast's mount, a warning must be given. • However, if the Gymnast wears the heel pads during her exercise (whether the Chief Judge warned her previously), the deduction must be taken.
<u>0.20</u>	Incorrect attire – includes unacceptable jewelry (after a warning) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unacceptable jewelry is <u>not</u> allowed during warm-ups or competition. • Deduction applied to the first event competed after a warning. • Meet Referee must inform the Chief Judge at any subsequent events, so that no further penalty will be taken. • Deduction is taken one time only. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acceptable attire is a one-piece leotard with or without sleeves and no bare midriff. 2. Unitards with long legs to the ankle, with or without sleeves are acceptable. 3. Head covering is acceptable, if attached to the leotard or unitard and fits snugly over the head, <u>not</u> to impose a safety hazard to the Gymnast. 4. Leg cut of the leotard must be below the pelvis / hip bone. 5. Backless leotards are <u>not</u> acceptable. 6. Underwear (including sports bras) should <u>not</u> be visible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If underwear is visible due to the cut of the leotard, warn the Gymnast's Coach. If the Gymnast does <u>not</u> correct it, take a deduction on her subsequent event. • Underwear, including sports bras, should <u>not</u> be intentionally visible throughout the entire routine. However, if briefs or bra straps show due to activity, do <u>not</u> take a deduction. • Common sense should prevail. 7. One pair of stud earrings is allowed; one earring per ear, in any part of ear. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other piercings must be removed. • <u>Not</u> just covered with tape or a bandage. 8. Necklaces and Bracelets are <u>not</u> allowed. <u>EXCEPTION:</u> Medical bracelets must be covered by athletic tape. 9. Spaghetti straps are considered inappropriate attire. Straps must be a minimum of 2 cm. (7/8") wide.