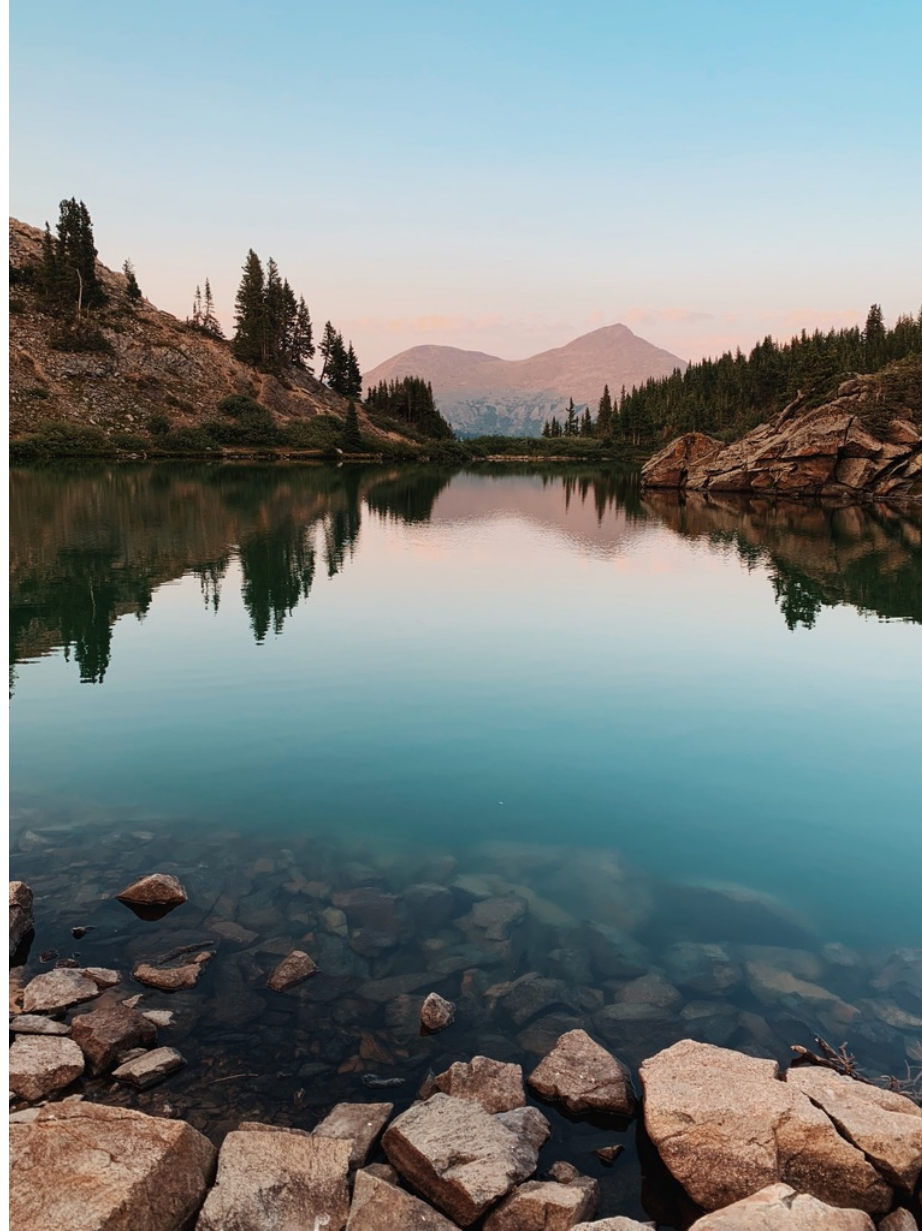


# Meet Referee and Chief Judge Responsibilities 2020-21



*A walking MR will be assigned to every meet.*

*In addition to usual MR duties, he/she will have additional responsibilities.....it will be important to have the judges contact info in your phones in case you need to contact one of your judges the day of the meet. List of cell numbers available at [gymjas.com/mn](http://gymjas.com/mn)*

*Welcome to the new normal!*

*The Good NEWS:*

*NEW: WTC 9/18/20, applies to XCEL and JO: IF a Meet Referee also serves as the Chief Judge or Panel Judge they will be eligible to receive a \$10/day Meet Referee payment.*

## Responsibilities of the Meet Referee:

Meet Referees should arrive to the meet, initially this year 30 minutes prior to “report” to assure the following procedures and concerns are covered:

*Upon arrival...*

- *Visit gym- Introduce yourself to the Meet Director(s) and COVID Attendant (NEW!)*
- *Check equipment- check in with Jerry or whomever is in charge of equipment. Concerns?*
- *If In Gym meet check landing surface on vault if over pit*
- *Check judges seating, tables*
- *Discuss with MD: helpers, timers, runners, iPads, or paper*
- *Confirm meet details- how warm ups are to be run and competition format*
- *Confirm march in times, breaks (tentatively) and end time*
- *Check for inquiry forms, review the process ahead of time*
- *Attend the coaches meeting, MAKE TIME to do this following meeting with the judges when possible.*

## LEAD THE JUDGES MEETING 5 MINUTES FOLLOWING REPORT:

- *Introductions*
- *Judges arriving late (once meeting starts/5 minutes past report) will start the clock on their hours for the day at “march in” as described on the meet schedule.*
- *ALL sign sanction and Meet Attestation*
- *COVID Attendant name/Meet Director name*
- *Make sure ALL judges brought their own hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and food if necessary*
- *Meet format, schedule, helpers, breaks*
- *Inquiry process*
- *Conferences-remember Start Values do NOT have to match*
- *Reminders: electronics, social media, etiquette*
- *Get with panel judge to go over your event (routines and game plan)*
- *Be at event before march in to get situated, meet helper, settle*
- *Collect vouchers and maps before final session*
- *Remain at event 5 minutes at the end of the meet for final inquiries*
- *Keep distant with ALL contact with coaches, helpers, gymnasts*
- *Remind all to stay at their specific event until the last score has gone in for that session*
- *Meet Referee responsibilities this year will also be to fill in if a panel judge becomes ill the day of the meet*
- *Meet Referee will also supplement the work of the COVID Attendant when able and needed*

# *Health Attestation MUST be signed upon arrival EVERY DAY of EVERY MEET*

## **APPENDIX B: Minnesota NAWGJ: Health Attestation**

Upon arrival at a meet site, each judge must sign below to attest the following:

1. I have **NOT** had any of the following symptoms during the past 14 days:
  - Cough
  - Fever / chills
  - Shortness of breath
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste/smell
  - Body aches and fatigue
2. I have **NOT** knowingly been in contact with a person with confirmed/suspected COVID-19 during the past 14 days
3. I will adhere to CDC recommendations, local government mandates, and meet safety measures including but not limited to:
  - Maintaining physical/social distancing
  - Wearing a cloth face covering

- *Be present and available*
- *Remain unobtrusive while at events but assist when needed*
- *Listen to concerns of coaches/judges while keeping 6' distance*
- *Check in with all panels-all set (each event)?*
- *Monitor 6 foot area around judges tables*
- *Check in with judges regularly, keeping respectful distance*
- *Judge routines randomly throughout meet as time permits*
- *Have R&P available as well as all necessary materials for referral*
- *Submit vouchers to Meet Director*
- *Make sure all judges are paid and that all is well!*
- *Last to leave floor following meet*
- *Comfortable shoes are highly suggested as a Meet Referee is typically on their feet,*

## Meet Referee's Responsibilities- During Competition

## SANCTION VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED BY MEET REFEREE ON SANCTION REPORT FORM:

It is the Meet Referee's responsibility to indicate any of the following sanction violations on the Sanction Report form. If the Meet Referee fails to report such violations, they are subject to a \$100.00 fine.

1. Report if Meet Director starts warm ups before 8:00 AM.
2. Report if athletes are in the gym longer than 5 hours.
3. Report if competition ends after 10:00 PM.- Indicate actual time competition ended and reason for finishing after 10:00 pm.
4. Report if the number of gymnasts competing per session exceeds the allowable number for the designated format.Refer to R&P, page 65 for Xcel and 102 for JO.
5. Report any equipment issues or unusual situations that do not completely conform to specifications listed in the R&P.
6. Report any UNACCEPTABLE coach behavior is defined as: 1. Verbal, emotional, sexual, or physical abuse of a gymnast. 2. Abuse of alcohol or drugs. This UNACCEPTABLE behavior will be penalized as follows: Immediate ejection from the competition arena by the Meet Director in conjunction with the Meet Referee/Technical Director and/or designated representative of USA Gymnastics. The ejection must be documented and recorded by the Meet Referee on the sanction report form.

# Chief Judge Responsibilities

- Check in with helper(s) if you have any to check in with ☺
- Check table placement and confirm position for the day for you and your AJ
- Go over your event with your AJ- include possible unusual situations
- Know your CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTIONS and apply to the average score when necessary
- Check to make sure score is within range in case conference is necessary
- Be aware of unsafe equipment situations at your event
- NEVER press or change a score without permission from AJ (who should be respecting your role as CJ)
- Good practice: prior to each session, remind AJ of highest and lowest scores for the day.
- Any conversation or comments to the athletes should be made only if requested by the coach
- Be a source of encouragement to your panel