

Unusual Judging Situation – Answer Key

- 1) FORGET THE BLEEDING HEART – HOW ABOUT THE BLEEDING BAR. - A judge or meet referee does not have the authority to stop a routine midway.
- 2) 44.999 SECONDS – Athlete does not have to resume routine, all she has to do is remount before the 45 seconds to stop the fall clock.
- 3) OH, OH I MISSED IT – Final score is determined by adding high score from other 3 judges scores and averaging the two middle scores as usual. In case of two judge panel the gymnast can accept the score of the one judge or choose to redo the routine. In both situations the Chief Judge needs to consult with Meet Referee, who will then notify the coach. (JO Code – General Info -Chapter 4 - Section IV -
- 4) IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY – Routines are evaluated using the appropriate rules. This must be done within 5 minutes after the end of the competition for that session. Meet Referee, scoring table and coach must be notified immediately of any score change.
- 5) A BLOODY MESS - Start the fall clock. JO Code: General Section 1 page 9 – Section 13. A bleeding wound or any other injury due to a fall does not give the gymnast the right to repeat her exercise or resume from where she left off. If the fall time is exceeded before the wound can be covered, then the routine is terminated.
- 6) SICK JUDGE - If separate meet referee, use them first, if not see if there is a judge in audience or try to get a local judge. In a last case scenario go with a one judge panel.
- 7) YOU MAKE ME SICK – Evaluate as follows: Athlete has two A's and 1 C. Less than 30 seconds. Deduct for missing Value Parts and Special Requirements from Start Value. Chief Judge deducts 2.0 from Average Score. Minimum of 1.0 is awarded when routine score is equal to or less than 1.0
- 8) WHO IS DOING THE FLOOR ROUTINE, COACH OR GYMNAST – Chief Judge deducts .50 from average for coach on floor – this is a one-time deduction only regardless of how many times he steps out on the floor. Coach can remove dangerous objects from floor without deduction. May also step on floor to remove mats.
- 9) THE FLASH – NOT THE ONE ON NETFLIX – No redo. The R&P page 109 Section H states – A flash from a camera is not a valid reason to allow a gymnast to repeat a routine.

- 10) SOMETIMES I MIX UP MY INSTRUMENTS – No redo. R&P Page 111 – Chapter 9 Section M – 3 – There are no grounds for a coach or gymnast to repeat a compulsory routine if the wrong version of the same level floor music plays. I.e. coach/music personnel play the Flute version instead of the Piano version.
- 11) TOUGH ON THE EYES ROUTINE – Give the 4.00 and be happy it's over. In this case range does not matter. R&P page 71 – Chapter 7 section 6 – A final score of 4.00 will be awarded for any Vault, Bars, Beam or Floor Exercise routine that would result in a score equal to or less than 4.00. This does not include circumstances that require the event to be voided.
- 12) SHE/HE LOOKS DRUNK – If your judging partner starts to act strange use the FAST test to check for symptoms of a stroke.

Face: Smile and see if one side of the face droops.

Arms: Raise both arms. Does one arm drop down?

Speech: Say a short phrase and check for slurred or strange speech.

Time: If the answer to any of these is yes, call 911 right away and write down the time when symptoms started.