Excelling at Being A Chief Judge and/or Meet Referee

Duties & Expectations

CJ INSTRUCTS ALL JUDGING ASSISTANTS ON DUTIES

CJ INSTRUCTS PANEL JUDGES TO FLASH SV AFTER SENDING SCORE TO CJ

CJ MANDATES SCORES COME IN RANGE

CJ KEEPS WRITTEN RECORD OF SCORES (INDIVIDUAL JUDGES, ND, FINAL AVERAGE)

CJ INSTRUCTS ALL JUDGES TO USE EUROPEAN 7

Chief Judge

- Review 16 Requirements in Code of Points before meet
- Review event with panel judge(s) before meet including possible unusual situations
- Create calm environment as you share expectations
- Make sure correct score range is utilized

Chief Judge (Con't)

- Perform only duties as indicated in contract
- Be aware of possible unsafe equipment situations
- Call/conduct conferences
- Never change a judge's score without permission from that individual
- Prior to each session, remind panel of 1st, highest and lowest scores

Arrive 60 minutes before meet starts to learn logistics of meet

Attend Coach Meeting

Introduce yourself to Meet Director(s) and get sanction

Check to assure equipment meets requirements

MEET REFEREE

Checks with scorer to make sure all scores are in and inquiries finished before excusing judges at end of each session/meet

MEET REFEREE

- Check logistics, scoring system, paper trail, papers for written backup
- Check position of tables/seating at all events
- Conduct Judge Meeting

Share at Coach Meeting

- Inform coaches of:
 - Location of inquiry forms
- Inquiry procedures
- Ask if there are new element submissions

Good Practices: Coach Meeting

Possible Reminders:

- Pull the board
- Mark the floor mat
- Music device on airplane mode
- Jewelry and leotard requirements
- SV's do not have to agree

Judges' Meeting

- Conduct the meeting with Meet Referee Checklist Professionalism protocol reminders
- Remind Judges:
 - March in time/time to be on floor
 - Session schedule
 - Scoring system logistics
 - Score/SV Flashing
 - Keeping paper trail
 - Professionalism

Good Practice: Judge Meeting

Reminders

- SV's do not have to match
- No composition deductions beyond book
- No electronic devices on floor
- No discussion with coaches about routines
- No score changes without conference
- Let judges know you might come over to get scores; don't be concerned

Handling Inquiries

- MR talk through routine with coach first
- Remind coach inquiries can result in lowering of score
- Don't hesitate to look up answers in Code/R&P

Inquiries

- Review inquiry procedures during judge meeting:
- All judges bring materials to CJ's designated spot
- Let Chief Judge run conference
- YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE OFFENSE IF YOUR EVENT RECEIVES AN INQUIRY

Inquiries & Video Review

- Helpful tools to correct our mistakes
- Need to adopt a positive attitude and response

Video Review

Missed element affecting SV

Vault feet first

Hands touch the bar

Spotting

Line violations

Not execution

Video Review

State meet & above

Any available video

Meet Ref & highest rated unaffiliated official (panel informed)

Slow motion not allowed

May submit at any time

Decision within 15 minutes of meet conclusion

SO WE ASKEP...

WHAT DO MEET DIRECTORS EXPECT?

Meet Virector Expectations

Meet Referee should:

- serve as a liaison with coaches
- set a positive environment for ALL (MD, Coaches, Judges)
- be outgoing to newer coaches so they aren't intimidated and are comfortable asking questions about procedures
- listen to a coaches' complaint

MP Expectations

- Meet Referee should:
 - be visible and actively engaged (unless also acting judge)
 - be ready to address unusual circumstances
 - clearly communicate with judges and coaches
 - be patient at all times
 - be efficient with paperwork

MD Expectations

Meet Referee should instruct judge assistants on correct procedures for:

- Signal for line/boundary violations
 - Use of timing device
- Proper reporting procedures for:
 - Exceeding time allowed
 - Stepping out of bounds

MP Expectations

- Meet Referee should:
 - Understand inquiry process
 - Understand video review process
- Maintain a level of confidentiality

Puring Meet - Walking MR

Be present: It's a paid position

Don't appear to be socializing with staff; reading emails, playing games, doing work even if gymnastics related

When not busy handling inquiries or other issues:

- Notate routines in each gym on each event w/o hovering at event
- Build rapport with coaches by walking among them on the floor
 - Listen to concerns of coaches/judges

Puring Meet: Attentiveness

- Watch for body language or abnormalities in attempt to prevent issues
 - Monitor for unusual activity
 - Injury
 - Music stops
 - Grip breaks
 - **Unusual situations**
 - Go to location near incident to observe/assist if needed
 - Remain unobtrusive while observing; let CJ handle it

End-of-Meet Puties

- Calculate hours for each gym with Ass't MR; see new app on NAWGJ website http://nawgj.org/winners.php
- Review pay sheets for correct calculations of gyms' times
- Provide judges with details of payment for tax purposes

Pialogue

Q&A

Suggestions from audience