

NAW GJ DISCIPLINARY RULES

RULE #5

A JUDGE SHALL NOT ALLOW ANYTHING TO
INFLUENCE, AFFECT, OR GIVE THE
APPEARANCE OF AFFECTING HER/HIS
JUDGEMENT IN RENDERING A FAIR AND
IMPARTIAL AND HONEST JUDGEMENT

The following are interpretations of Rule #5 from several different judges.

A judge's score is not to be swayed by a specific team, individual gymnast, coach, personal friend or the reputation of any of the stated parties
Lorreta





I take this rule as - to judge a routine not by what gym they are from or what you know they are capable of doing . Judge what you see and be consistent. Smile and be professional with the gymnasts and coaches . Lena

Regardless of any personal thoughts, beliefs or experiences, each athlete is objectively judged on each routine performed. Nicole

Consistency! Judges should run warm - ups the exact same for all rotations. Judges shouldn't chat before/after meets in the judges/coaches room with some coaches but ignore others. Judges should treat all gymnasts the same and speak to them in the same manner. No cute points for the tiny girls, no going easy on the gyms where you coach or have friends, etc.

Kalei

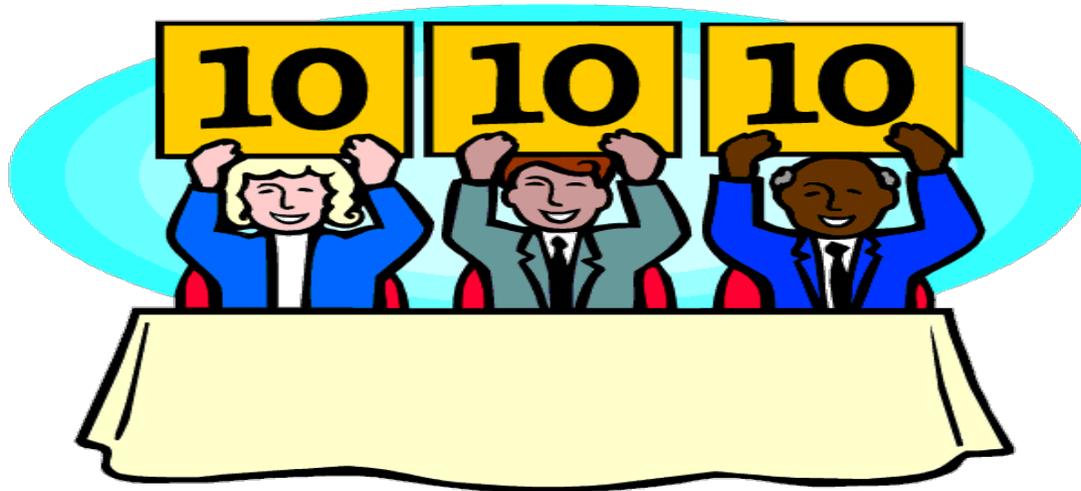


Consistency is key.

It's hard in a small(ish) state, where judges know the coaches and athletes. Sometimes it may seem as though the lines are blurred, but if judges stay consistent in their scoring throughout, this should help with the appearance of impartial judging.

Anything can be interpreted as impartial from others' points of view: Judging attire, socializing with coaches/parents/athletes, talking during routines.

Kaitlin



Rule #5 - A judge should not let comments by coaches or other judges (on or off their panel) influence their score. (example: "That gymnast won the meet last weekend" or "That's the best routine I've ever seen her do!").
A judge should not accept gifts or incentives from a meet director to judge their meet and feel that his/her scores need to be generous so an invitation to judge that competition continues in the future.

A judge should not have preconceived bias about a gymnast based on her club's reputation. For instance, a club that usually has gymnasts that qualify to nationals, doesn't mean that all of their gymnasts are national level athletes or should always end up with high scores....and vice versa. Judge each athlete based on what they perform on that day.

Pattie



As judges we all have a different vision on what the rules mean, yet responses I received were similar.

Don't let individuals influence your judgement



Judge what you see not who you are seeing



Judge the routine you are seeing in front of you



Be Consistent

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

1. Your judgements are changing from one team to another, you might have been influenced.
2. Your judgements are specific to a certain gymnast, you might have been influenced.
3. Do you feel like you have been influenced, you might have been influenced.
4. Are you gaining something by the judgements you have given, you might have been influenced.
5. If you feel you are being influenced, stop, ask for help
6. If you observe someone being influenced, seek help to address the issue.

