

## Meet Referee During Meet Duties

**Meet Referees who are also judging may not be able to complete all the activities on this list due to their judging responsibilities. However, they should try to conduct as many of these duties as time permits. These activities are noted by an asterisk (\*).**

- Monitor Open Scoring protocol; unobtrusively remind judge if it appears protocol is not being followed. \*
- Observe/give opinion during conferences; ensure conferences are conducted in a timely manner. \*
- Try to judge at least 50% of routines per event as time permits. \*
- Review and deliver all inquiries during competition.
- Consult with coaches considering an inquiry, review inquiry form for completion. If time permits, obtain SV and scores from scoring table, and enter on form.
- Prior to taking an inquiry form to the panel, the Meet Referee should **independently** review a video of the routine if it was not previously observed by the Meet Referee. For this replay, the MR may view the video only one time and at regular speed. The Meet Referee should refrain from commenting to the coach after watching the replay to preserve the integrity of the panel's input.
- **Follow procedures for the Video Inquiry if applicable (see procedural guidelines).**
  - Conduct the inquiry meeting with panel if time permits. \* The meeting should be conducted in a collegial, not an officious, manner.
  - Ensure SV, scores, UTL, composition are noted.
  - Meet Referee may ask questions, counsel panel, and give personal opinion.
  - Meet Referee may require a score change for questions related to SV, VP, UTL, Composition (flat deductions), skill combinations, or neutral deductions under the following conditions:
    - After the inquiry (or video inquiry) process has been completed (this allows the judges to correct their own error first).
    - If there is a split decision by the judging panel, the Meet Referee will make the final decision.
    - Meet Referee may require a score change for questions related to execution only in cases where there is a clear yes-no decision, e.g., feet hitting the bar, grabbing the beam, release move not touching the bar. The Meet Referee may not require a score change related to execution judgement calls such as amplitude, degree of split, degree of completion, or similar deductions.
    - Meet Referee: ensure score change is made at scorer's table if applicable.
    - Meet Referee: ensure inquiry form is returned to the coach.
- When an equipment failure occurs, the Meet Referee may use the video (both real time or slow motion) to determine if and when the failure occurred and how to proceed.
- Act as final authority in all technical matters.
- Gather any routine summary forms to be completed by the judges following the competition.
- Note any warnings given by chief judges concerning non-performance neutral deductions. The Meet Referee should then notify the chief judges on the other events and coaches that a warning has been given.
- Handle all team neutral deductions with the scorer's table.
- Step in as an acting judge in an emergency or in the case that a judge does not report for duty.