

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AT A MEET:** Stay at your event until the entire meet finishes whenever possible. Do not walk around and talk to the other judges and/or coaches if your event finishes early. Check your seating arrangements and the line of vision prior to the first competitor. Once the first athlete competes, your seating arrangement must stay the same throughout the entire meet. Every athlete is entitled to be evaluated from the same viewpoint as all other athletes.

**ETIQUETTE DURING CONFERENCES:** While each judge's opinion is valued, it is the Chief Judge's responsibility to call a conference when scores are not in range. Conferences should be brief and held in a professional, non-critical manner in accordance with NAWGJ guidelines. *If a compromise cannot be reached, the acting judge must come in range.*

**FOLLOWING A MEET:** Once the meet is over and you're back at home, it's a nice gesture to send the meet director and volunteers a thank you note expressing appreciation for the hospitality. Running a meet is a tremendous responsibility for parents and clubs and it's always nice to know that a judge appreciated their efforts.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** When inclement weather exists (weather which delays or prohibits safe travel for the judges), the Meet Director is responsible for the judges' lodging and meals. Judges will be accommodated with minimal expense and could be lodged in private homes with food provided. Hotel/Motel rooms are compensated ONLY if approved by the Meet Director.

### **COMPULSORY TIPS:**

1. Deduct for all execution and/or amplitude errors leading to a fall; however, **do not deduct** for balance errors leading to a fall.
2. The total execution and/or amplitude deductions taken on a major element may not exceed the value of the element plus .50.
3. Deductions for falls, extra swings or lack of continuity in required series due to a fall are IN ADDITION TO the execution and/or amplitude deductions.
4. If more than half of the major elements in an exercise are performed with the assistance of a coach, the score is determined by giving the VP credit for those elements performed unassisted. All applicable deductions for execution and/or amplitude are taken on all elements.
5. All routines may be reversed in their entirety; however, no single element may be reversed unless otherwise stated.

## WHAT TO KEEP IN YOUR BAG:

### REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- FIG Code of Points and Supplements
- USAG JO Olympic Compulsory Book and Supplements
- USAG Rules and Policies Book
- USAG Technical Handbook for Coached and Judges
- Chief Judge Average Sheets
- Compulsory Reference Cards
- Judging Contracts
- Judging Paper or Scoresheets
- NAWGJ Expense Vouchers
- NAWGJ National Newsletter
- NAWGJ State Newsletter and Current Judges Phone List
- Optional Reference Cheat Sheets/Charts
- Professional Membership Cards
- Shorthand Sheets
- Technical Information Changes from Technique
- USAG Regional Newsletter
- USAG State Newsletter

### SUPPLIES:

- Calculator
- Glue Stick
- Highlighter Pens
- Paper Clips
- Pens and Pencils
- Note Pads
- Rubber Bands
- Scissors
- Stapler, Staples and Staple Remover
- Stopwatch
- Tape Measure
- White Out/Correction Pen

### PERSONAL ARTICLES:

- Aspirin/Tylenol
- Band-Aids
- Breath Mints
- Dental Floss
- Extra Pair of Panty Hose
- Liquid Hand Sanitizer
- Lotion
- Books/Projects for Spare Time