

## Judges Selection Process

The PIF's were created to select judges for Ohio State Meets in an ethical manner based solely on the judge's personal involvement with current gymnastic trends by their attendance at clinics, camps and congresses. Criteria for selection of judges include: PIF's, CPE's, types of clinics/symposiums, training camps, and level of competitions judged the year previously.

The goal of the State Committee is to have the best judges on the competition floor, regardless of affiliation or demographics. In addition; each judge shall have no more than 2 state meets unless it is an emergency and a different meet referee will be used for each state meet.

### Pre-Meeting:

1. Judges who want to be selected to Ohio State Meets MUST have their PIF's in on-time, as well as their most updated CPE form turned in to Carol Arnaut, Ohio SJD. There will no longer be consideration given to judges if EITHER form is returned after the deadline.
2. Judge must be available for such meet.
3. A list of available judges for each state meet is then put together so that each State Committee Member has a list of only those officials available for the corresponding meet.
4. All judges on the State Committee are not allowed to vote for themselves in the pre-selection process.
5. If a State Committee Member, that is a judge, is nominated for a possible state meet slot, he/she is not allowed to participate in the voting of the panel for that meet.
6. Each State Committee Member selects their rank order of the top 10 officials for the 8-10 state meet via e-mail prior to the Judges Selection meeting. Every time a judge is selected, his/her corresponding ranking is his/her points. Top ten judges with the least amount of points are then ranked.

### Meeting:

7. At the actual meeting; ranked order for level 8-10 is revealed and there is an open floor discussion among the Committee Members regarding the judges selected.
8. The State Committee will double check the list to make sure there are not too many affiliated judges selected to the panel. State Committee will then approve the judging list and select a meet referee for level 8-10 by verbal nomination. Committee will either vote by show of hands or a closed vote for the meet referee.
9. Alternates are then selected; usually based on points calculated from the pre-ranking done via e-mail.
10. State Committee will then proceed to select the meet referees for the remaining state meets. Meet Referee's are verbally nominated by someone on the committee. If there is more than 1 candidate, a closed vote will be done to determine who will be chosen. In the event that 2

sets of judges will be used, two meet referees will be selected. A closed vote will be done to determine meet referee #1 and meet referee #2. If by chance the meet only uses 1 set of judges, MR #2 would become a panel judge on the first set of judges.

11. Upon selection of meet referee's, the State Committee Members will cross off any judge that now has 2 meets. The State Committee should also be considering the availability of all judges for the remaining state meets.
12. The next step is to determine the panel judges for Level 7 State Meet. As a rule of thumb; those judges that are selected as alternates for 8-10 state meet should be given the first opportunity to be considered.
13. For the remainder of state meets, each Committee Member will create a private list of their top 8 judges that they would like to see assigned to the meet based on the PIF forms. Panels are selected one meet at a time in order to maintain the "no more than 2 rule".
14. After each State Committee Member selects their 8 judges for the current meet being selected, a roll call of judges available for that meet is announced. Each Committee Member raises their hand if they selected that judge. Check marks are made and calculated. In the end, the top eight judges are then selected for that meet. If there is a tie in the check marks, then a closed vote is conducted in order to break such tie. Alternates are then chosen by the remaining rank order of check marks and the same closed vote process applies if there are ties with regards to the alternates as well.