

## Event Chief Judge

1. Event Chief Judge (ECJ) prepares panel judges for the correct evaluation of the exercises at the judges' meeting prior to the competition.
2. ECJ checks that the apparatus and mats correspond to Gymnastics Saskatchewan regulations and that all materials necessary are available and functioning properly. This could include:
  - a. Light or time signals
  - b. Stopwatches
3. Event Chief Judge instructs judging assistants to assure their knowledge of the
  - a. Correct use of the signal to indicate line violations (out of bounds) and proper reporting of violation
  - b. Correct use of stopwatch and timing device to indicate time limitations as well as reporting of violation
  - c. Correct method of scoring being used
  - d. Correct procedures for flashing of the start values, individual score and/or average score
4. Event Chief Judge is responsible for the correct work of her/his panel judges and assistants.
5. ECJ uses a green flag or hand signal to acknowledge presentation of the gymnast.
6. EJC must evaluate the exercises accurately without bias and must first write her/his own score before reviewing scores from other judges.
7. Event Chief Judge must determine and record the score and Start Value, as well as record deductions for execution/amplitude, artistry, compositional errors and neutral deductions.
8. ECJ Verifies that the scores fall within the proper range (JO Code of Points Chapter 2)

Average score between:	Counting scores allowable range:
9.50 – 10.00	0.20
9.00 – 9.475	0.50
8.00 – 8.975	0.70
Below 8.00	1.00
9. Event Chief Judge verifies that the score of the Event Head judge, panel judge(s), average score and neutral deductions are properly recorded during the competition.
10. ECJ confirms when a gymnast may repeat an exercise (or portion of exercise) due to technical failure and determines when the repetition (or continuation) will occur.
  - a. A flash from a camera is NOT a valid reason to allow a gymnast to repeat an exercise.
  - b. These decisions must be made in consultation with the Competition Head Judge prior to the score being flashed.
11. Event Chief Judge is responsible for calling a conference if an impossible Start Value has been awarded and/or for other reasons to assist the judges in arriving at a common basis for scoring during competition. During the conference:

- a. The Start Value difference will be clarified
  - b. The Competition Head Judge may be notified of and/or be included in discussion.
  - c. The judges may change their scores, but are not obligated to do so; however, if the scores are out of the allowable range, adjustments must be made. It is the professional responsibility of the judges to come to an agreement if their scores are initially out of range.
  - d. If the judges are unable to compromise, the Event Chief Judge may mandate that the scores be brought into the allowable range.
12. ECJ is responsible for taking neutral deductions from the average score. The neutral deduction will be indicated to the coach either verbally or by visual means at the conclusion of the exercise.
13. Event Chief Judge will terminate an exercise if after a fall, the gymnast exceeds the allotted time
  - a. Vault: 60 seconds. Uneven bars: 45 seconds. Beam: 30 seconds.
  - b. A bleeding wound (or other injury due to fall) does not give the athlete the right to repeat her exercise or resume from where she left off. If the fall time is exceeded before the wound can be covered, then the routine is terminated.
14. ECJ reports to the Competition Head Judge if:
  - a. The gymnast's attire is incorrect.
  - b. There is unsportsmanlike conduct of the coach (after warning)
  - c. There are excessive cheers or behaviour disruptive to competition by teammates or coach. Example: gymnasts standing around the FX area, blocking the view of the judges and/or spectators.
  - d. Failure to observe specified warm up time by the team (after a warning). Deduction would be applied to the team event score where infraction occurred.
  - e. Coach or teammates were warned about technical verbal cues.
15. The Event Chief Judge is responsible for responding to an inquiry in a professional manner. The ECJ may confer with panel judges and/or Competition Head Judge regarding inquiry, but only the Event Chief Judge or CHJ may respond to the inquiry.