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REGION 5 TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FOR JUDGES AND COACHES-2014-2015

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- 1) Can an Invitational meet be scheduled with a few more athletes than are allowed per session? NO, as this is a violation of Rules and Policies. A meet director cannot estimate that there will be scratches as this may or may not happen. Any sanction violations need to be reported by the meet referee on the sanction report form. For a State and Regional Championships, approval can be given for a small number of additional athletes provided the proper procedures are followed.
- 2) Can a gymnast compete at a Level 10 State Meet in the previous year and in the current year by doing a few meets and not drop back to a Level 9 by the declaration date according to the state deadlines and be able to petition to Level 9 Regional Championships? NO as the athlete is declared as a Level 10 gymnast for the season since she did not drop back by the designated date for the current season. Therefore, she is now not able to petition to Level 9 Regionals in the current season.
- 3) Is a judge allowed to hand out their business cards on the field of play while acting in a judging role? NO, a judge should always act in a professional and ethical manner. A judge should never solicit a coach or gym owner by offering her/his services to come into a gym to critique. If a coach wants help from a judge, she or he should contact the judge via e-mail or by phone after a competition. Perception is everything. This is an ethical violation and will be dealt with as an ethical issue.
- 4) Can a judge who is also a coach at a gym judge and not be affiliated if the team she/he works for is NOT in the meet? YES, as a judge is NOT affiliated if the club or person she is affiliated with is NOT in the meet. Reminder that it is the JUDGE'S responsibility to tell the meet referee that she/he is affiliated so that she/he is the support judge if this is overlooked or unknown at the time the assignments are made. An affiliated judge can NEVER be a head judge at any meet no matter the level of the meet in the JO program.
- 5) Can judges now be given a gift? Yes, the judges can now receive a gift as long as it does not exceed a retail value of \$20.00 per Rules and Policies, 2014-2015.