

2024 COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



MEET REFEREE MANUAL REGIONALS and NATIONALS

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SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on being selected as a Meet Referee for the 2024 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships!

Regional competition will be held April 3/4 – April 6/7, at four predetermined sites. See the women's gymnastics [landing page](#) for a list of regional sites and schedule of events.

This manual shall serve as a helpful guide to the policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of this championship event. This outstanding championship opportunity is only superseded by the amazing talents and accomplishments of each of the student-athletes who have qualified.

It is imperative to the dignity and growth of women's gymnastics that judges be well educated in the details of gymnastics and the current rules, thoroughly prepared for each assignment and able to cover all possible circumstances.

SECTION 2 – NCAA STAFF/COMMITTEE

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SECTION 4 – VIDEOCONFERENCES and MEETINGS

ALL AGENDAS WILL BE SENT PRIOR TO THE VIDEOCONFERENCES

1. **Monday, April 1 (Arkansas and Michigan) and Tuesday, April 2 (California and Florida) at Noon Eastern – Regional Participant Videoconferences.**

The tournament director and site representative for each regional will conduct a teleconference with the participating head coaches and administrators [teams, all-arounders (AA) and individual event specialists (IES)], and the site representative to discuss pertinent information regarding their regional and to answer questions. The meet referee shall be on this call.

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2. Tuesday, April 2/Wednesday, April 3 – Times TBD – Regional Host Staff Videoconference.

The tournament director and site representative for each regional will conduct a videoconference with the participating head coaches and administrators [teams, all-arounders (AA) and individual event specialists (IES)], and the site representative to discuss pertinent information regarding their specific regional and to answer questions. The meet referee shall be on this call.

3. Tuesday, April 2/Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. (local time) – Regional Staff Walkthrough.

The NCAA site representative, the meet referee and the tournament director conduct a walkthrough of the facility and equipment/matting check. Measurements are in the 2023-2024 USAG Women's Rules & Policies at https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/rules_policies.html under Rules & Policies, plus any collegiate modifications that are listed in the NCAA rules modifications. After completing the equipment check, the meet referee, tournament director, and the NCAA site representative will review other judging logistics (score slips, check location of judging tables, score verification etc.).

(Equipment list Appendix A)

4. Wednesday, April 3/Thursday, April 4 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (local time) – Regional Participant Walkthroughs.

During the walk-throughs, athletes may not mount the equipment.

5. Wednesday, April 3/Thursday, April 4 at Noon (three hours prior) – On Site Judges Meeting and Lunch.

The NCAA site representative who will be staffing the regional and the tournament director will be in attendance briefly at the beginning of the judges meeting to answer any questions.

- a. Please ensure that the alternate judge, assigned by the women's gymnastics committee and whose name was given to you along with the full judges' panel, will attend the judges' meeting.
- b. The meet referee should attend the open stretch and warm-up for each session. The tournament director and meet referee should agree on a time for the meet referee to give instructions to flashers, runners, line judges, timers etc.

6. Tuesday, April 9 at Noon Eastern – National Participant Teleconference.

The national tournament director and NCAA championship manager to conduct teleconference with participating head coaches and administrators (teams, AA and IES), committee chair and national meet referee.

7. Monday, April 15 at Noon Local Time – National Administrative Teleconference.

The meet referee, the NCAA championship manager, and committee chair should introduce themselves to each coach (teams and individual). The meet referee should be first on the agenda so that issues may be reviewed with the coaches. The meet referee may leave after this portion of the meeting.

8. Thursday April 18 at 11 a.m. Central – Onsite Judges Meeting and Lunch

- a. The NCAA championship manager, the NCAA committee, and the tournament director will be there briefly at the beginning of the judges' meeting to answer any questions.

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- b. Please ensure that the alternate judge, assigned by the women's gymnastics committee and whose name was given to you along with the full judges' panel, will attend the judges' meeting.
- c. The meet referee should attend the open stretch and warm-up for each session. The tournament director and meet referee should agree on a time for the meet referee to give instructions to flashers, runners, line judges, timers etc.

9. Thursday-Saturday, April 18 - 20 – National Championship.

National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, Texas.

SECTION 5A – REGIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ALL TIMES LOCAL

TUESDAY, APRIL 2/WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 – EQUIPMENT CHECK

Upon arrival Meet referee, tournament director and site representative.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3/THURSDAY APRIL 4 – REGIONAL ROUND #1

10 to 11 a.m. Walk-through for teams participating in first round.
Noon Judges lunch meeting onsite.
2 p.m. Competition starts for Round 1 (Team #8 vs Team #9).
7 to 8 p.m. Walk-through for teams/individuals participating in second round.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4/FRIDAY, APRIL 5 – REGIONAL ROUND #2

TBD per site Equipment check with meet referee, tournament director and site representative.
TBD per site Judges lunch meeting onsite.
1 p.m. Competition starts for Session 1.
7 p.m. Competition starts for Session 2.

**Time on clock may not reflect actual time on each warmup rotation due to individuals competing with teams.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 5/SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – REGIONAL DAY OF REST

Teams #1 & #2 from ROUND #1
10 to 11:30 a.m. Open stretch, visualization, athletic training available.

Teams #1 & #2 from ROUND #2
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Open stretch, visualization, athletic training available.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6/SUNDAY, APRIL 7- REGIONAL FINALS

TBD per site Equipment check with meet referee, tournament director and site representative.
3 p.m. Judges meeting and dinner onsite.
5 p.m. Competition starts for regional finals.

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SECTION 5B – NATIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ALL TIMES LOCAL

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – EQUIPMENT CHECK

Morning	Meet referee, tournament director and NCAA staff.
Evening	Coaches walk-through and equipment check.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – PRACTICE DAY

11:30 a.m. – 1:18 p.m.	SEMI FINAL #1 competitors.
2:30 – 3:48 p.m.	SEMI FINAL #2 competitors.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 – NATIONAL – SEMI FINALS

TBD per site	Equipment check with meet referee, tournament director and site representative.
TBD per site	Judges meeting and breakfast/lunch onsite.
3:30 p.m.	Competition starts for SEMI FINAL #1.
8 p.m.	Competition starts for SEMI FINAL #2.

**Time on clock may not reflect actual time on each warmup rotation due to individuals competing with teams.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – NATIONAL – DAY OF REST

Teams #1 and #2 from SEMI FINAL #1
10 to 10:20 a.m. Open stretch, visualization, athletic training available.

Teams #1 and #2 from SEMI FINAL #2
11 a.m. – 11:20 p.m. Open stretch, visualization, athletic training available.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – NATIONAL – FINALS

TBD per site	Equipment check with meet referee, tournament director and site representative.
TBD per site	Judges meeting and breakfast/lunch onsite.
3 p.m.	Competition starts for national finals.

SECTION 6 – GUIDELINES and EXPECTATIONS

CODE OF ETHICS FOR JUDGES

All meets should be regarded as part of the national qualifying system for teams and all-around competitors. Judges should strive for consistency in scoring for all collegiate meets, regardless of division, location, or type of meet (i.e., dual, triangular, or quadrangular). USA Gymnastics Women's Code of Points (Level 10 Rules) as of Nov. 1 each year, and NCAA collegiate modifications shall be followed to the letter for all collegiate competition.

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SPORTSMANSHIP

The primary goal of the rules is to maximize the safety and enjoyment of the student-athlete. Sportsmanship is a key part of that goal. Sportsmanship should be a core value in the behavior of players and bench personnel, in crowd control by game management and in the officials' proper enforcement of the rules governing related actions.

QUALIFICATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Qualifications. It is the duty of all judges to prepare themselves thoroughly and constantly update their preparation by being appropriately recertified. They should not accept any collegiate assignment for which they are not well qualified. NCAA regional and national championships require a Level 10 or higher rating. In addition, judges assigned to the regional and national championships competitions should not accept such assignments unless they have judged a minimum of four regular-season collegiate meets during that year.

Affiliation. No judge with an affiliation with an NCAA institution that sponsors women's gymnastics will be assigned to the national championships; however, a judge may be assigned to a regional competition where he or she is not affiliated. Examples of affiliation would be, but are not limited to, coaching-staff member, works for spouse or relative of a coach, former team member, relative of a gymnast or parent of a team member, athletics related booster club member, gymnastics alumni and/or coach that has been away from the program for less than five years. Any individual with a current financial interest in a coach or team is not eligible to serve as a judge. However, regular season meets to be used for qualification for the NCAA championships may be judged by an employee or full-time student of a participating institution if all coaches agree in writing to the host institution at least 10 days before the competition.

Appearance. Each judge should enter the competition site in uniform at the appointed time for each judges meeting. Each judge will receive and wear an NCAA patch at the judges meeting and during all sessions of the competition.

MEET REFEREE CHECKLIST

A meet referee will be selected and assigned to each of the four regional sites. This individual will serve as a non-officiating judge, with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Conduct the judges meeting at the appointed times and follow the meet referee checklist (**Appendix D**):
2. Confirm accuracy of scoresheet with the NCAA site representative and tournament director. Conduct score verification meeting, if necessary. Sign scoresheet.

JUDGES AND EVENT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Each meet referee is responsible for making the event assignments and notifying the judges of these assignments. The meet referee will receive a CONFIDENTIAL list of judges for their regional championship from the NCAA office in mid-February. The list is confidential to the NCAA, meet director, meet referee and judges assigned to your site. All correspondence with these officials is to remain confidential until the administrative meeting at regionals.
2. When making event assignments, consider the strengths of your judges to the best advantage of the entire meet. The NCAA provided ratings for each judge (Brevet, National, Level 10). Also try to assign judges to different events for each round. At regionals, panels in Round #1 and Round #2 should be the same. The panels for the regional final should be different.

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3. Make every effort to assign event panel judges from different regions and different states.
4. Six judges, one from each region, were assigned to each regional site. All remaining judges were assigned based on geographic proximity. No more than two judges will be assigned from the same state to a regional, except for California, which may have a maximum of three.
5. Prior to informing your judging panels, email a copy of your event assignments to the NCAA championship manager as soon as you have completed them so regions and states can be double-checked (applies to regionals and nationals).
6. At nationals, judges will judge different events Thursday and Saturday.
7. The national meet referee will make national event assignments first and share that information with regional meet referees.
8. Regional meet referees will assign the national judges to different events at regionals.
9. The four regional meet referees will be the chief judges at nationals.

JUDGES DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Judges may be greeted by a host institution representative before the competition starts. In addition, coaches are permitted to formally acknowledge and greet judges in a cordial manner before the start of the competition. Conversations with a chief judge or meet referee for purposes of changing a lineup or discussing an inquiry after initiated by the judge remain permissible.
- Discussion with student-athletes, parents, alumni and/or recruits should not occur at the competition site. Judges should avoid any appearance of friendship or fraternization with any coaches or competitors.
- Judges are not allowed to watch warm-ups but may watch march-in and four-minute touches.
- Event standards should be strictly enforced in all meets (e.g., timing of falls and routines, boundary deductions) and be noted on the official score sheet.
- Judges must be seated separately on the competition floor.
- Individual judges' scores and start value must be flashed simultaneously.
 - ✓ *The meet referee will inform judges of the method that will be used to ensure scores and start values are flashed simultaneously.*
 - ✓ *An efficient system—judges give their score to flasher, keeping the score flasher facing away from the other judges. The flasher will put a hand on top of the unit to indicate that the score is ready.*
 - ✓ *When all judges' scores are ready, the chief judge signals the flashers and the scores and start values are displayed simultaneously and the individual judge's score is rotated.*
 - ✓ *The chief judge's flasher then raises and rotates the average score.*

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- ✓ *Instruct the flasher to clear the score flasher after the next gymnast starts her routine.*
- ✓ *Remind each judge that he or she should review this procedure with the score flasher prior to the meet.*
- If paper judges' slips are used, when the runner brings the judges' slips to the chief judges' table, the runner will give the scores to the chief judge's assistant, who will hold them along with the chief judges' slip until all scores are submitted. The chief judge should have their score posted on the flasher before he or she reviews the score slips of the panel judges.
- The NCAA allowable range of scores is to be followed for collegiate meets.
- Routine summary forms may not be submitted at the regional or national championships.
- Judges must process all inquiries before the start of the next rotation.
- Only a spotter(s) or persons moving boards or mats should be within the judges' area during the competition.
- Judges are encouraged to report any infractions to the respective regional meet referee or NCAA site representative.

SPORTS WAGERING

The NCAA defines sports wagering as putting something at risk – such as an entry fee or a wager – with the opportunity to win something in return. The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering on college sports. Athletics administrators, officials and student-athletes cannot place a sports wager for any NCAA-sanctioned sport. This includes wagering on the intercollegiate, amateur, or professional level.

A student-athlete involved in sports wagering on the student-athlete's institution permanently loses all remaining regular-season and postseason eligibility in all sports. A student-athlete who is involved in any sports wagering activity that involves college sports or professional athletics, through Internet gambling, a bookmaker, a parlay card, or any other method employed by organized gambling, will be ineligible for all regular-season and postseason competition for at least one year.

In championships in which a bracket format is used, administrators, coaches, officials, and student-athletes may not participate in bracket competitions where there is both a required entry fee and an opportunity to win a prize. Student-athletes and administrators may participate under current NCAA rules, in bracket contests where there is no entry fee but a possibility of winning a prize. Some NCAA member schools, however, have chosen to ban student-athletes from participating in these types of bracket contests.

Officials should reference the sports wagering memo to prospective NCAA Championship Officials in Appendix I.

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TOBACCO POLICY

The use of tobacco products is prohibited by all game personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers, and game officials) in all sports during practice and competition. Uniform penalties (as determined by the applicable rules-making committees and sports committees with rules-making responsibilities) shall be established for such use.

The use of tobacco products by a student-athlete is prohibited during practice and competition. A student-athlete who uses tobacco products during a practice or competition shall be disqualified for the remainder of that practice or competition.

ETHICAL BEHAVIOR BY COACHES

Members of the coaching profession have certain inherent obligations and responsibilities to the profession, to the student-athletes and to all those with whom they come into contact. Coaches are expected to be role models who conduct themselves with integrity and high ethical standards always.

The words and actions of a coach carry tremendous influence, particularly on the young people under his or her direction. It is, thus, imperative that he or she demonstrate and demand high principles of sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

The following procedures may be executed by any panel judge, chief judge or the meet referee and will appear as a neutral deduction on the score sheet. After issuing a warning, please notify the site representative (for regionals) or committee member assigned to the event (at nationals) so they are aware and can address the issue further with a team administrator.

While deductions may be issued, the national committee could decide to handle a misconduct instead of deducting from the score, so communication is key.

1. Gymnast's unsportsmanlike conduct:
 - a. First-time will be a warning (MR is notified).
 - b. Second time the MR is notified and there will be a 0.10 deduction taken from the gymnast's score for that event by the MR or chief judge.
2. Coach's unsportsmanlike conduct:
 - a. First-time will be a warning -- yellow card (MR is notified).
 - b. Second-time MR is notified there will be a 0.10 deduction taken from the team score or individual event specialist score by the MR for each violation.

SECTION 7 – CHAMPIONSHIP OPERATIONS

CORRAL PROTOCOL

All gymnasts, coaches and team personnel shall be in the designated corral, warm-up area, or viewing box from the end of the timed warm-up to the completion of the competitive rotation. Teams may use the designated warm-up area at that event to prepare for the next rotation.

Competing teams can designate up to 25 individuals to be in the corral. Only 15 athletes will be permitted for warm-ups and competition. The additional three athletes are permitted to be in uniform, march out, be in the corral, and participate in open stretch. They may not participate in warm-ups or competition.

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Each corral should have the capacity to hold up to approximately 30 individuals, which includes the 25 team individuals plus individual competitors and their coaches.

Teams and individual competitors must take their personal belongings with them as they move from corral to corral.

COACHES (ATHLETIC TRAINING PERSONNEL) VIEWING BOXES

Regional hosts shall use tape to outline designated viewing boxes outside the team corrals (maximum of two per event) for coaches to watch their student-athletes compete. The designated viewing areas will be placed throughout the competition floor so as not to impede meet operations or the safety of the student-athletes.

One athletic trainer per competing institution will be permitted in a designated area near the vault landing area in instances where the vault corral is located at the beginning of the vault runway. The athletic trainer is there to observe and must refrain from engaging in any communication and/or cheering with the student-athlete, coach, or other team personnel while in the vault landing area.

EQUIPMENT AND MUSIC

Equipment and matting as listed in an appendix in the participant manual will be provided. Teams, all-around and individual competitors may bring one vaulting board and one small beam pad (not a sting or suede mat). The small beam pad may not be left on the floor during the competition. Plywood to be used beneath vault boards and spotting blocks will be supplied by the host.

Teams, all-around competitors, and those individual event qualifiers on floor exercise are asked to bring their floor exercise music in two different forms.

FLOOR EXERCISE MAT COLOR

Meet hosts may use any solid color floor exercise carpet, provided any corporate logos are covered. If the host institution rents or borrows a mat for the regional competition, then a blue AAI mat shall be used.

FOREIGN SUBSTANCE

Foreign substances may NOT be placed on the hands and/or feet of the gymnasts or any piece of equipment (e.g., honey and sugar, tuff skin, etc.).

REGIONAL COMPETITION ROTATION (provided by NCAA)

First Round:

No draw for dual meet. (Team NQS #8 vs. Team NQS #9)

The higher NQS team receives the Olympic order.

The lower NQS team follows bars, vault, floor, beam.

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Second Round:

EVENT	Team
Vault	Team NQS 1
Bars	Team NQS 4
Beam	Team NQS 3
Floor	Team NQS 2

Regional Final:

EVENT	TEAM
Vault	Team NQS 3
Bars	Team NQS 2
Beam	Team NQS 1
Floor	Team NQS 4

LOOK THROUGH

All participating teams and individuals will be permitted to look through the competition venue prior to the meet. Visualizations are allowed but no touching or mounting of equipment. Teams may only attend during schedule times and will not be permitted in venue outside of this time.

PRACTICES (NATIONALS ONLY)

Two practice sessions will be conducted, and each will be one hour and 48 minutes in length (20 minutes for stretching and 20 minutes per event). The specific time schedule for practice sessions will be sent by the host institution to all participants and will be strictly enforced. Teams and individuals must stay within their respective rotation orders and time periods. All-around and individual event qualifiers will practice with her assigned team. The schedule is as follows:

<i>Rotation</i>	<i>Practice Session I</i>	<i>Practice Session II</i>
<i>Timeframe</i>	11:30 a.m. – 1:18 p.m.	2 – 3:48 p.m.
<i>Open Stretch</i>	11:30 – 11:50 a.m.	2 – 2:20 p.m.
<i>Transition</i>	11:50 – 11:52 a.m.	2:20 - 2:22 p.m.
<i>One</i>	11:52 a.m. – 12:12 p.m.	2:22 – 2:42 p.m.
<i>Transition</i>	12:12 - 12:14 p.m.	2:42 – 2:44 p.m.
<i>Two</i>	12:14 p.m. - 12:34 p.m.	2:44 – 3:04 p.m.
<i>Transition</i>	12:34 - 12:36 p.m.	3:04 – 3:06 p.m.
<i>Three</i>	12:36 - 12:56 p.m.	3:06 – 3:26 p.m.
<i>Transition</i>	12:56 - 12:58 p.m.	3:26 – 3:28 p.m.
<i>Four</i>	12:58 – 1:18 p.m.	3:28 – 3:48 p.m.

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Practices shall be open to the public and media. Judges assigned to the events may not attend practices. Fans will be permitted to take photographs. Media will not be permitted on the floor to conduct interviews with the coaches and/or student-athletes; however, credentialed media may obtain footage for promotional purposes.

OPEN STRETCH

Teams/individual competitors will use the matting surrounding their first event for open stretch. There are no restrictions on flight or inverted skills for the duration of the open stretch. Student-Athletes warming up on vault, bars and beam may use the apparatus for stretching purposes without mounting the equipment. On bars, the low bar may be raised or removed only when proper facility staff are present to ensure the bar is replaced safely and correctly; the high bar may not be used.

In the first round, both teams may open stretch on the floor. In the second round and national semifinals, IES/AA competitors may use the floor for open stretch or the matting surrounding their first event.

TIMED WARM-UPS (TIME ALLOTMENTS)

After a 20-minute stretch and two-minute transition, each rotation will be 15 minutes for round one and the final round. For regionals round two and nationals' semifinals, an additional two minutes will be added to the 15-minute warm-up (total 17 minutes) to accommodate individual event specialists and all-around competitors. For all events, individual event specialists and all-around competitors must be interwoven in the team's warm up rotation starting after the first turn. For example, team rotation is followed by individual event specialist, then repeat.

There will be no pausing of the time on bars to make adjustments; bar changes must be made within the time allotted. Each team and individual event specialist will begin the warmup session at the same event on which they begin the competitive rotation and will follow Olympic order. Teams are not permitted to warm up more than eight individuals.

Teams with one individual may use the entire 17 minutes for warmup. If a team does not have an individual on any particular event, they may not begin warmups until the clock reaches the 15-minute mark. Teams will not rotate until 17 minutes expires, regardless of early finishes.

TOUCH WARM-UP

During the NCAA postseason competition, as competitors arrive at each event, there will be a four-minute touch warm-up on each event for regional round one and the final round, and national finals. For Regionals round two and nationals' semifinals, thirty seconds will be added for each all-around and individual competitor. All participants at each event may use the entire touch warm-up time and all warm-ups will begin at the same time, regardless of duration.

The two-minute transition between events will begin at the conclusion of the march-in ceremony, when all teams reach their respective corrals. After each rotation and the initial score is flashed, the PA announcer will announce the beginning of the two-minute transition period. This protocol is also recommended for regular season.

The two-minute transition will be announced, and any adjustments may be made to extend the time, as necessary, for an orderly processional between events.

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(Note: During the competition, all participants and coaches must remain in uniform and on the competition floor (or in team seating) until the completion of the awards ceremony.)

(Note: For all competition, if an injury or equipment failure occurs and competition is halted for 20 minutes or more, a 30-second touch warm-up per student-athlete will be allowed.)

LINEUP/SCRATCHES

A written official team lineup must be submitted to the NCAA scoring coordinator upon arrival to the facility and again 1½ hours before the start of the competition. The lineup may be changed before the competition but is requested in advance for media and administrative purposes.

During the open stretch on competition day, the official scorer shall print the lineup entered into the scoring system. The head coach shall review the official lineup against the one submitted at the administrative meeting for accuracy. Once verified or corrected, the head coach shall initial the official lineup. The site representative will assist with the verification process.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Before the start of an event, changes in the lineup may be made by notifying the NCAA scoring coordinator, who will notify the scoring table personnel, meet referee and chief judge at the event (via the chief judge's headset person).

After the event starts, the head coach must notify the chief judge on the event. the chief judge's headset person will notify the scoring table.

Once a team begins an event (chief judge raises the flag for the first student-athlete), a substitute may replace a student-athlete in that same position in the lineup; the order of competition may not be changed. A student-athlete who is removed from one event lineup may compete in other events.

REGIONAL RESULTS

The top two teams and the top all-around competitor (who is not on an advancing team) from each regional will receive an automatic berth to the national championships. In addition, the top event specialists not on an advancing team or all-around qualifier at each regional advance to the national championships (in that event only).

TIE-BREAKERS

During regional competition and national semi-final team competition,

- Ties for team score will be broken by counting **six scores per event**.
If not broken, the tie will be determined by **using six scores per event, dropping the high and the low** scores and adding the four middle scores.
- Ties for the advancing all-arounder will be broken by evaluating the **highest event score**, then the next highest, and will continue until the tie is broken.
If not broken, all **four judges' scores** will be counted for **all four events**.
- Ties for advancing event specialists will be broken by counting **all four scores**.
If not broken, the **chief judge's score** will be the tiebreaker.
If not broken, the advancing individual will be the one with the **higher NQS**.

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The results of the meet will be verified and signed by the onsite scoring director and meet referee immediately after each event.

Ties will not be broken during the national championship team finals competition.

SECTION 8 – LOGOS and UNIFORMS

LOGO POLICY

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

The provisions of Bylaw 12.5.4 indicate that an institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats, and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2 1/4-square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram).

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element like the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restrictions.

A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2 1/4-square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes, and all credentialed personnel in the bench area during the conduct of competition, which includes any practices and pregame or postgame activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff. Non-compliance with this legislation could result in loss of eligibility, forfeiture of points earned by those ineligible student-athletes and adjustment of team standings.

JEWELRY AND UNIFORMS

An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (i.e., tights, T-shirts, warm-ups, tennis shoes) must be identical if worn on competition day. During the march-in and awards ceremony, team members must be in identical warm-up apparel. Please refer to the USA Gymnastics rules manual, the NCAA Rules Modification, and reach out to Janette Doucette (wgym.ncaa.rules@outlook.com) for additional rules information.

1. Student-athletes are only permitted to wear stud piercings. No other jewelry is permitted. After a warning, a 0.20 deduction will be taken from the student-athlete's score for each occurrence.
2. Student-athletes must wear one-piece leotards and are allowed to wear any undergarments that are the same color of the leotard or are skin-tone in color.
3. The meet referee will give a "warning" and instruct a student-athlete who does not conform to the uniform policies that she is "out of uniform."

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4. Student-athletes will be required to conform prior to competing or a 0.30 team deduction will be taken during team competition or a 0.30 deduction off the individual's score for individual competitors.

SECTION 9 – TRAVEL AND FEES

Reimbursement: Fees, per diem, mileage reimbursement and baggage fees, if applicable, will be paid by the NCAA after the competition. Judges will receive reimbursement information from the NCAA within 10 business days of the event's completion.

Fees. Judges for the regional competition will receive \$900. The meet referees shall receive \$1,100 to account for an additional day before the competition. The selected alternate official will receive a \$450 fee.

Judges for the national championships will receive \$900. The meet referee shall receive \$1,100 for arriving at the site one day before the competition to inspect equipment, attend the administrative meeting, and practice sessions. The selected alternate official will receive a \$450 fee.

Travel. Judges who live within 400 miles of the competition site must use ground transportation. Judges traveling via ground transportation will be reimbursed at the current NCAA rate round trip from their home to the site (but not including local mileage while at the site).

Judges who fly to a championships site must make travel arrangements through the NCAA travel service, Short's Travel Management (866-821-8547). If a judge must fly to the meet, he or she must arrive the evening before competition to allow flexibility should a flight be delayed.

Regional Meet Referees (only): Please plan on arriving at the regional meet site the day before competition to measure equipment and be present for walk-through. Regional meet referees are approved to rent a vehicle on arrival at the site, and reservations are to be made by contacting Short's, as necessary.

National Meet Referee: Please plan on arriving at the national meet site the day before the scheduled equipment measurement and be present for walk-through and practice day. National meet referee is approved to rent a vehicle on arrival at the site, and reservations are to be made by contacting Short's, as necessary.

Hotel/Per Diem. Hotel expenses (excluding incidentals) for judges required to stay overnight at the championships site shall be paid by the host institution and later reimbursed by the NCAA.

Judges will receive a \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals for each day of the competition, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. Judges not required to remain overnight at the site also shall receive a \$45 per diem.

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SECTION 10- ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

The following additional reference materials, which are useful for meet referees, are available on the women's gymnastics pages on NCAA.org.

[Championship Information](#)

- 2023-24 Scoring Guidelines

[Manuals](#)

- 2023-24 Host Operations Manual
- 2023-24 Pre-Championships Manual
- 2023-24 National Participant Manual – Fort Worth, Texas
- 2023-24 Participant Manual – Arkansas Regional
- 2023-24 Participant Manual – California Regional
- 2023-24 Participant Manual – Florida Regional
- 2023-24 Participant Manual – Michigan Regional
- 2023-24 Meet Referee Manual (Regionals and Nationals)

[Rules of the Game](#)

- 2023-24 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications and Meet Procedures
- Women's Gymnastics Rules Interpretation Archive

B A R S

Items provided by AAI

	Floor Plates or Free standing (Elite Uneven Bars Adapters if floor plates are not available)
1	UTB 844 Elite Uneven (with assist step; assist step optional at regionals)
2	Extra Graphite X Bar
2	FIG 8' X 15.5' x 20 cm V2 - Firm
2	FIG 8' x 12' x 20 cm V2 - Firm
1	FIG 5' x 7.5' x 20 cm V2 - Slab
1	Throw Mat 7' x 10' x 10 cm (anti-slip with Duel Density Foam) – demo preferred
1	Sting Mat 6'.6" x 8" x 2"
1	8" Skill Cushion 5' x 10' "Softy"
1	Throw Mat 8' x 15' x 4" folding – demo preferred
1	TAC/10 Board
3	High Chalk Holder
Case	Block Chalk
6	Score Flasher - 3 digit (panel judges) handheld
1	Score Flasher - 5 digit (chief judge) (4 digit for regionals)
1	Scotch bright pad for scraping bars
2	Wire brushes
3	Spray water bottles
1- regionals 2- nationals	12' panel mat for stretching/warm-up

Items provided by host

8 total	Score Flasher - digit (panel judges) and handheld (TWU)
2	Stop Watches as backups to tablets (Knight Eady)
6	Start Value Flip Charts (Knight Eady)
1	2' x 4'x .5" plywood mounting boards w/ non-skid surface both sides no logos, only handles (TWU)
1	Green Start Flag (Knight Eady)
2	Wire brush backups (Knight Eady)
3	Spray water bottles backups (Knight Eady)

B E A M

Items provided by AAI

1	Elite Reflex Nonadj Beam
1 set	Elite Beam Leg Pads
1 set	Elite Beam Leg Filler Mat System
4	FIG 8' x 15.5' x 20 cm V4 – Firm (2 under and 1 on each end)
1	FIG 8' x 12' x 20 cm V2 - Firm
1	Throw Mat 7' x 10' x 10 cm (anti-slip with Duel Density Foam or standard foam mesh bottom) – demo preferred
1	8" Skill Cushion 5' x 10' nonslip (nonslip backing optional at regionals)
1	Sting Mat 6'.6" x 8" x 2"
2	Throw Mat 8' x 15' x 4" folding – demo preferred
1	TAC/10 Board
1	Suede Beam Pad – (NCAA committee will confirm if yellow pad is ok to use)
2	Step-in Chalk Holder w/ chalk with carpet
1- regionals 2- nationals	12' panel mat for stretching/warm-up

Items provided by host

1	Stop Watches (Knight Eady)
1	Start Value Flip Charts (Knight Eady)
1	2' x 4'x .5"plywood mounting boards w/ non-skid surface both sides no logos, only handles (TWU)
6	Score Flasher - 3 digit (panel judges) handheld (Knight Eady)
1	Green Start Flag (Knight Eady)

F L O O R

Provided by AAI

1	Elite Floor Exercise System - 40' x 40' "Stratum" OR Power Elite Floor
2	Extra Floor Panel
1	American Elite Carpet - 45' x 45'
1	Foam Border (firm)
7 rolls	2" QuadLam Foam 6' x 42'
2	Sting Mat 6'.6" x 8" x 2"
2	Throw Mat 7' x 10' x 10 cm (anti-slip with Duel Density Foam or standard foam mesh bottom) – demo preferred
2	Step-in Chalk Holder w/ chalk
6 ^	Score Flasher - 3 digit (panel judges) handheld
1	Score Flasher - 5 digit (chief judge) (4 digit at regionals)
1	EZ Roll Corner Mats - set of 4 each
Case	Block Chalk
	Score Flasher - 5 digit (for finals) Extra Flasher Inserts
	60" x 60" Vinyl Floor Sheets (for gymnasts to apply chalk to their feet - versus crushing chalk on competitive mats) or carpet squares for chalk trays
1- regionals 2- nationals	12' panel mat for stretching/warm-up

Provided by host

	Stop Watches (3 backups) 7 total (Knight Eady)
8 total	Score Flasher - digit (panel judges) and handheld (TWU)

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS PODIUM/POST-SEASON PROTOCOL

PODIUM CONDUCT

The intent of the podium is to showcase the competing student-athletes. All participants must conduct themselves in a fair and sportsmanlike manner at all times during the competition, in particular:

- at the apparatus and in the corral.
- during the march in.
- during the march to and from the apparatus.
- during the mandatory participation in the applicable award ceremony.

COMPETITION – GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Only NCAA-approved equipment is allowed on the podium.
- Foreign substances may NOT be placed on the hands and/or feet of the gymnasts or any piece of equipment (e.g., honey and sugar, tuff skin, etc.).
- No trash on the podium.
- To maintain a clean and professional appearance, items necessary to participants (water bottles, slides, etc.) are allowed on the podium during warm-up and touch only, taking care to avoid excess and clutter. All items must be removed once touch warm-up is over.
- After the touch warm-up, the first competitor should remain on the podium to begin competition immediately. Remaining competitors and individuals without duties must exit the podium and return to the designated team sideline.

DURING A STUDENT ATHLETE'S PERFORMANCE

- Individuals may be on the podium to remove a springboard, move mats, or stabilize mats. These individuals should leave the podium if able, when their duties are complete, being careful not to block the view of a judge or line judge.
- Cheering and celebrating with the competitor on the podium by countable coaches is allowed after the routine is complete; however, other individuals and teams may not enter the podium to celebrate or congratulate anyone. Individuals not on the podium can cheer during routines and celebrations.
- On uneven bars, the chalk station on the podium is for the current competitor to use. Next up competitors shall use the chalk station on the floor.

CORRAL PROTOCOL

All gymnasts, coaches and team personnel shall be in the designated corral, warm-up area, or viewing box from the end of the timed warm-up to the completion of the competitive rotation. During the rotation, up to eight competing team athletes in the current rotation lineup may use the designated warm-up area, plus IES or AA competitors. After the rotation concludes, all athletes competing in the next event may use the designated warm-up area at that event to prepare for the next rotation.

Competing teams can designate up to 25 individuals to be in the corral. Teams may designate up to 15 athletes on the entry form. Only 15 athletes will be permitted for warm-ups and competition. Additional athletes may not participate in warm-ups or competition.

NCAA Sports Wagering Policy

The NCAA opposes all forms of legal and illegal sports wagering, which has the potential to undermine the integrity of sports contests and jeopardizes the welfare of student-athletes and the intercollegiate athletics community.

NCAA Bylaw 10.3 prohibits athletics administrators, coaches, and student-athletes from knowingly participating in sports wagering activities or providing information to individuals involved in or associated with any type of sports wagering activities concerning intercollegiate, amateur, or professional athletics competition. As such, it is our hope and expectation that officials working NCAA championships abide by the spirit and intent of this legislation by not participating in sports wagering of any kind.

The NCAA national office will continue to devote resources to monitoring the sports wagering activity of officials. Officials found to have engaged in sports wagering risk not being selected to work NCAA championships.

Officials play a critical role in helping ensure the integrity and fairness of NCAA championships. The NCAA expects that prospective NCAA championships officials support the NCAA's position in this regard and simply "Don't Bet On It." For more information and resources on sports wagering, please visit our website at <http://www.ncaa.org/enforcement/sports-wagering?division=d1>. If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact Anthony Holman (aholman@ncaa.org; 317-917-6929).

Meet Referee Checklist

A meet referee will be selected and assigned to each of the four regional sites. This individual will serve as a non-officiating judge, with the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Conduct the judges meeting at least three hours before competition and review the following procedures, even if it is assumed all judges are experienced:
 - a. Logistics of the meet — to include, but not limited to, scoring system, seating of judges, which auxiliary judges are present, and site for signing scoresheets at the end of the meet.
 - b. Review NCAA women's gymnastics collegiate rules modifications, as needed.
 - c. Review and rectify any equipment issues.
 - d. Provide information from the meet director.
 - e. Provide professional protocol reminders.
 - f. Review of open scoring procedures.
 - g. Review when conferences may occur.
 - h. Ensure score inquiries are processed before the next event begins. Review video review process for regionals
 - i. Review duties with auxiliary judges.
 - j. Distribute team lineups and scoresheets to judges.
2. Act as the final authority in all technical matters.
3. Be available for counsel on request of the head judge.
4. Note any warning given by the chief judges concerning incorrect attire or signaling. He or she will then notify the chief judges on the other events that a warning has been given so that the appropriate deductions may be applied.
5. Counsel the chief judge when, in his or her opinion, the average score and/or the chief judge's score appear out of range with the scoring in the overall competition.
6. Be available for five minutes after the official scoresheet signing to address questions or concerns about technical decisions.
7. Record all yellow-card instances on the official scoresheet.
8. Judge most routines competed in a competition.
9. Observe and/or give opinion during judging conferences.
10. Review and deliver all inquiries during the competition.
11. Work with the scorer's table on score changes resulting from inquiries, including the delivery of the inquiry back to the head coach.
12. Handle all team-neutral deductions with the scorer's table.
13. Assign the alternate judge an event in an emergency or if a judge does not report for duty.
14. Confirm accuracy of scoresheet with the NCAA site representative and tournament director. Conduct score verification meeting, if necessary. Sign scoresheet.

Judges Meeting – Regionals and Nationals

1. Welcome and introductions.
Alternate judge must be included in the meeting.
2. Site representative and/or tournament director updates/questions.
3. Rules clarifications for championships.
All rules and guidelines for execution, as applied to the USAG-DP Program (Level 10), will be used with the collegiate modifications outlined in the 2023-24 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications. This document is located on [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org).
4. Landings.
Gymnasts must make sure they do not begin celebrating until they have completed their landings. Review landing deductions with a "show and tell," i.e. 0.10 landing = arm swings on landing to maintain balance; 0.05 = lands with feet hip-width apart or closer, but never joins heels; etc.
5. Uniforms, jewelry.
Refer to the women's rules modifications:

6.3 UNIFORMS. *a. An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (i.e., tights, t-shirts, warm-ups, tennis shoes) must be identical if worn on either practice or competition day. During the march-in and awards ceremony, team members must be in identical warmup apparel. In addition, for the NCAA competition, a gymnast will be considered "in uniform" if she has a name and/or number on her warm-up apparel and leotard if all team members use a similar font type and color. Names will include only the first initial of the first name and the full last name. Nicknames are not permitted. If two or more gymnasts have the same first initials and last names, the first name may be spelled out. 1. A student-athlete must wear a one-piece leotard and is allowed to wear any undergarments that are the same color of the leotard or are skin tone in color. 2. The meet referee will instruct a gymnast who does not meet the uniform policies that she is "out of uniform." The gymnast must comply with the uniform rules, or a .30 team deduction will be taken during team competition or a .30 deduction off the individual's score during individual competition.*

6.4 JEWELRY. *Gymnasts are only permitted to wear stud piercings. No other jewelry is permitted. After a warning, a .20 deduction will be taken from the gymnast's score for each occurrence.*
6. Competitor numbers for regionals will NOT be used for 2024.
The host will display the competitor's names digitally at every event. Coaches will need to reverify line-ups during the four-minute touches of every rotation.
7. Improper use of equipment.
As stated in 6.1 under NCAA Rules Modifications, chalk marks are not permitted on the vault runway or on the floor exercise mat except for a small arch in the corners.
8. Start value, open scoring, and conferences.
 - *Open scoring system is to be used at regionals and nationals: judge gives their score to the flasher; keeping the score flasher facing away from the other judges, the flasher will put their*

hand on top of the unit to indicate the score is ready; when all judges ready, the scores are flashed and rotated.

- Judges are to sit apart.
- All scores will be flashed and rotated, but only the average score will be raised and rotated.
- Both the start value and the score will be flashed simultaneously. First, the judge shall give the final score to the flasher. Judges shall then simultaneously flash their start value while final scores and average score are being displayed.
- Score verification procedures will be in place at regionals and for each session at nationals.
- The range of scores is determined by the two counting scores. If the average score is between those listed below, then the two counting scores must be within the range of the following:

9.5–10.0	.20
9.0–9.475	.30
8.0–8.975	.50
Below 8.0	1.0

- Conferences should only occur when the two counting scores are out of range, if there is an impossible start value or an UTL that can have an impact on the average score, OR if an inquiry is submitted.
 - Example: Judge 1 score is 9.5 and Judge 2 score is 9.8, the average is 9.65. Since the average (9.65) falls in the top range, the two scores must be no more than .20 apart. Since they are .30 apart a conference between the judges is warranted. All judges will return to their seats and reflash their SV and score.

9. Professionalism and interaction with coaches/participants.

- In accordance with NCAA policy in all sports, judges shall not attend the championships social functions or any press conferences and shall not receive any commemorative gifts from the host institution.
- Politely remind judges they must keep their verbal interaction with coaches and gymnasts to a cordial greeting/acknowledgement before competition starts. All questions should go through the meet referee or NCAA site representative staffing the meet.
- Each judge will receive an NCAA patch that must be worn on their uniform. No other patches or emblems should be visible on the uniform. The tournament director will hand out the patches.
- Judges are permitted to watch march-in and 4:00 touches but not warmups.

10. Difficulty evaluation forms and inquiries.

- Any difficulty evaluation forms turned in by coaches should be distributed and discussed.
- Inquiries must be submitted and completed before the beginning of the next rotation. The Chief Judges designate a meeting place for any conferences.

11. Post-meet score verification and tie-breaking procedures.

- At the conclusion of the meets, the judges will meet in the judges' meeting room to verify the scores according to the procedure outlined in the Scoring Guidelines and as directed by the meet director, if needed. Judges should therefore be present to review and verify the score for each gymnast they judged.
- In regional team competition, ties for second place will be broken by counting six scores per event. If a tie still exists, the team score will be determined by using six scores per event, dropping the high and the low scores and adding the four middle scores. Ties for the advancing all-arounder will be broken by evaluating the highest event score, then the next highest, and

will continue until the tie is broken. If not broken, all four judges' scores will be counted for all four events. Ties for advancing event specialists will be broken by counting all four scores on the event. If not broken, the head judge score will be the tiebreaker. If a tie still exists, the advancing individual will be the one with the higher NQS.

12. Video review.

- For regionals, the video review process will mimic the review process used in the regular season. Please refer to Section 7 of the 2023-24 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications and Meet Procedures at [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org) for more details.

13. NCAA score sheet.

- A blank copy of the NCAA score sheet will be given to each judge at the start of the competition so the judge will know the correct order of competition. All judges and coaches of teams and AA/IES should sign score sheet.

14. Substitution/lineup changes.

- Before the start of an event, changes in the lineup may be made by notifying the NCAA scoring coordinator, who will notify the scoring table personnel, meet referee and chief judge at the event (via the chief judge's headset person).
- After the event starts, the head coach must notify the chief judge on the event. The chief judge's headset person will notify the scoring table.
- Once a team begins an event (chief judge raises the flag for the first student-athlete), a substitute may replace a gymnast in that same position in the lineup; the order of competition may not be changed. A gymnast who is removed from one event lineup may compete in other events.
- A substitute may replace a gymnast in that same position in the lineup, but the order of competition may not be changed. A gymnast who is removed from one event lineup may compete in other events.
- Once a student-athlete signals the head judge to begin her routine on any event, she MAY NOT be substituted with another student-athlete regardless of what occurs after the signal.
- Given the above, the .10 deduction (taken from the team total) for competing out of order would be taken in the following situations at regionals and nationals:
 - The coach does not change the original event lineup, but the gymnasts compete out of order. In other words, the gymnast who was originally listed as fourth in the lineup competes third.
 - Coach makes a lineup change prior to the start of the event but does not communicate that change to the chief judge at the event or to the scoring coordinator. In this instance, proper notification was not given, and the gymnasts competed out of order

15. Misconduct.

- The following procedures may be executed by any panel judge, chief judge or the meet referee and will appear as a neutral deduction on the score sheet.
 - Gymnast's unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - First time will be a warning (meet referee is notified).
 - Second time the meet referee is notified and there will be a .10 deduction taken from the gymnast's score for that event by the meet referee or chief judge.
 - Coach unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - First time will be a warning -- yellow card (meet referee is notified).

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-- Second time meet referee is notified there will be a .10 deduction taken from the team score by the meet referee for each violation.

16. Collegiate modifications and technical issues.

In addition to the topics above, please direct judges to review: the 2023-24 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications at [NCAA.org](https://www.ncaa.org/sport-division/varsity/gymnastics/rules-modifications).

17. Other business/questions.

18. Adjournment.

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