

MEET SAFETY & COVID ERA ETIQUETTE WISCONSIN

Gymnastics meets in the context of Covid-19 will be conducted with modifications to provide the safest environment for athletes, coaches, judges and spectators. The following safety practices were established after extensive conversations between the Wisconsin USAG State Board, Wisconsin state judging directors, meet directors and the Wisconsin Department of Health (WDH).

These recommendations are based on state mandates set forth by the WDH August 2020:

- Cloth face coverings are required in public
- Social distancing is required
- Large gatherings are restricted by county

When mandates from the WDH become more or less restrictive, safety procedures will be altered to match the updated mandates.

While the WI USAG state board recognizes that every gym is an independent business, the safety recommendations should be adhered to keep our gymnastics community safe and healthy.

Every judge will need to make a personal choice in regards to their comfort level with judging in a world with Covid-19. As always, in Wisconsin, we will hold each other to a high professional standard and support each other through this season.

Here are the modifications that will be applied to this season:

MEET SAFETY INFO SHEET. A meet safety information sheet will be completed by all meet directors to inform judges of specific safety information that applies to each competition. Meet safety information will be provided to judges a minimum of 5 weeks before a meet. This safety sheet will include information on judge tables, judges room, scoring system, paper trail, & meals. **See appendix A.**

CONTRACTS. If a judge does not feel confident in the meet safety plan that is provided by a meet director, the judge can withdraw their contract for that meet. Contract withdrawal must occur a minimum of 4 weeks before a meet.

JUDGES ROOM: A meet director must indicate on the safety info sheet if the judges room is large enough to socially distance.

COVID ATTENDANT. Meet directors will designate a Covid Attendant. This person will monitor Covid safety practices including the wearing of face coverings & social distancing.

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS. As long as they are mandated by the state or local government, cloth face coverings must be worn by judges, coaches, and meet staff. Face coverings must cover the mouth and nose. Gymnasts will wear face coverings when off the equipment, during down time.

MEET SIZE. If large gatherings continue to be limited, the number of gymnasts in one session will remain restricted as well. Most sessions will be able to accommodate no more than 80 athletes.

OPEN STRETCH. Open stretch needs to be structured to allow for social distancing. Plan out length of open stretch and line warm ups, possible in smaller groups to allow for social distancing. IE, stretch at 1st event, then rotate teams in smaller groups to the floor to do line warm ups.

WARM UP TIMING. Coaches will self time warm ups in order to reduce the number of parent helpers in the venue.

EVENT TIMING. Parent helpers will be greatly reduced. Beam will have one helper to time the routine and falls. This person will sit at a socially distanced location. On floor, the music person will time the floor routine. On bars, the head judge will time falls.

JUDGE TABLES. Choose from following: 1) A separate table will be provided for each judge AND electronic score pads will be available for each judge; 2) Separate tables 1 judges used start value cards to show the head judge their score; 3) Judges will sit at the same table but separated by a plexiglass divider and electronic score pads will be available for the head judge; 4) use large table and seat the judges 6' feet apart.

PAPER TRAIL. Choose from following: 1) Rotation sheets with a computerized draw as done at state meets, coach will number the athletes in order and give to judges; 2) Score verification sheets to judges and the coach or gymnasts tells the judge their name; 3) Hand written gymnast order given to the judge by each coach; 4) Score cards will be allowed.

APPROACHING TABLE. No person should approach a judges table without asking first, this includes MR, meet director, scoring staff, coaches.

CLEANING PRODUCTS. Judges should maintain their own supply of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes in their judging bag. Gymnasts and coaches will be required to bring their own hand sanitizer and use between each event.

AWARDS. Individual awards presentations will only be completed if social distancing can be maintained for gymnasts and parents.

MEALS JUDGES. If provided, meals must be individually packaged, boxed or plated. However, meets may opt to pay judges a per diem rather than supply meals. Per diem is \$15 for lunch and \$15 for dinner. Per diem is only allowed for breakfast if a judge must stay overnight. It is recommended that for a meet of 6-8 hours, one meal should be provided or compensated for in per diem. It is recommended for a meet of over 8 hours, two meals should be provided or compensated for in per diem. Meet directors will indicate how meals will be managed on the meet safety info sheet. If meals will not be provided, a fridge and microwave must be available.

MEALS COACHES. No meals will be provided for coaches this year unless the meet director chooses to do so following prepackaging guidelines. Meet information must indicate meal availability and/or suggestion to BYO food.

BREAK TIME. Expect breaks to be longer. Cleaning between sessions. All athletes & spectators from one session need to be cleared before athletes & spectators for the next session can enter the venue or area of building.

REFUND POLICY. Your COVID refund policy need to be written on invite or on website.

APPENDIX A: MEET SAFETY INFO SHEET JUDGES

This form is intended as a means for meet directors to communicate their Covid-19 meet safety plans to judges. Please submit your completed form to Sarah Nelson a minimum of 5 weeks before your meet.

MEET _____ DATES _____

JUDGES' TABLES & ELECTRONIC SCORE PADS (Select one)

- A separate table will be provided for each judge with score pad for each judge
- A separate table will be provided for each judge, one judge will flash their score with their SV cards.
- Judges will sit at the same table but separated by a plexiglass divider
- Judges will sit at the same table min 6 feet apart

PAPER TRAIL (Select one)

- Rotation sheets: Computerized draw as done at state meets that you can number your athletes order
- Score verification sheets to judges and the coach or gymnasts tells the judge their name
- Hand written order
- Score cards

JUDGES' MEETING ROOM (Select one)

- Large enough to allow for social/physical distancing
- Judges may come into close proximity

MEALS (Select as appropriate)

- Meet of 6-8 hours, one meal should be provided or compensated for in per diem.
- Meet of over 8 hours, two meals should be provided or compensated for in per diem.
- As per the Rules & Policies, breakfast is never required unless a judge must stay overnight.

- Individually packaged/boxed /plated meals will be provided for the following meals
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Dinner
- Judges should plan their own food for the following meals and will be compensated in per diem Refrigerator & microwave must be available if judges are asked to manage their own meals
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch (\$15)
 - Dinner (\$15)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- If a hotel stay is required, the judge will be compensated for an individual room

ADDITIONAL NOTES