

**CHIEF JUDGE (continued)**

13. Terminates an exercise if after a fall, the Gymnast exceeds the allotted Fall Time (monitored by the Chief Judge):
  - a. Vault (60 seconds) after judgment is completed
  - b. Uneven Bars (45 seconds)
  - c. Beam (45 seconds)
  - d. A bleeding wound (or any other injury due to a fall) does not give the Gymnast 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. Reports to the Meet Referee or Jury of Appeals if:
  - a. The Gymnast's attire is incorrect.
  - b. There is unsportsmanlike conduct of the Coach (after warning).
  - c. There are excessive cheers or behavior disruptive to competition by teammates or Coach.
    - EXAMPLE: Gymnasts standing around the Floor Exercise area, blocking the view of the Judges and / or spectators.
  - d. Failure to observe specified warm-up time by the Team (after a warning). The deduction would be applied to the Team Event score where infraction occurred.
  - e. Coach or teammates were warned about technical verbal cues.
15. Is responsible for responding, in conjunction with the Panel Judge(s), to an inquiry in a professional manner.
16. May not be affiliated at any sanctioned qualifying meets.
  - EXCEPTION: affiliated Judges may be assigned as Chief Judges at non-qualifying Invitational meets.

**D. PANEL JUDGES**

1. Must evaluate the exercises quickly and accurately, without bias.
2. Must record the Value Parts, Bonus, Special Requirements and Start Value, as well as record deductions for execution / amplitude, artistry and compositional errors.
3. Must include on score slip to send to the Chief Judge (if electronic score input is not available for each Judge):
  - a. Judge's initials and assigned number
  - b. Competitor Number, Start Value and Score
  - c. Notification that a deduction was taken for the Coach spotting the Gymnast.
  - d. Notification that the Gymnast exceeded the border marking on Floor Exercise if no Line Judges are present. Also, attempt to signal any such violation by raising a hand.
  - e. Should write the European 7.
4. When changing a score, the Judge must cross out the first score, initial the change and write in new score. Do not erase.
5. May be affiliated; however, there may not be more than one Judge per panel with the same affiliation.

## SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION – JUDGING PANELS – CHAPTER 1

### E. JUDGING ASSISTANTS

1. Do not evaluate or score the exercise.
2. Signal and record specific faults and penalties to assist the Chief Judge.
3. Types of Judging Assistants and their responsibilities:
  - a. Line Judges for Floor Exercise:
    - 1) Must be a rated official.
    - 2) Signal by raising a hand or flag when Gymnast steps (or touches some part of body) beyond the boundary line.
    - 3) Inform the Chief Judge in writing of such violation.
  - b. Timers
    - 1) Vault Fall Timer
      - a) The Chief Judge must monitor the Vault Fall time.  
The watch:
        - Starts when the evaluation of the first vault is completed.
        - Stops when Gymnast leaves the landing area.
      - b) After 40 seconds have passed, announces “20 seconds remaining”.  
After 50 seconds have passed, announces “10 seconds remaining”.  
At 60 seconds, announces “Time”.  
A second vault is not allowed after “Time” is announced.
    - 2) Uneven Bars Timer
      - a) Is responsible for the correct timing of falls.  
The watch:
        - Starts when the Gymnast lands on the mat after a fall.
        - Stops when the Gymnast leaves the floor to re-mount.
      - b) After 25 seconds have passed, announces “20 seconds remaining”.  
After 35 seconds have passed, announces “10 seconds remaining”.  
At 45 seconds, announces “Time”.
    - 3) Balance Beam Routine Timer
      - a) Is responsible for the correct timing of the exercise.  
The watch:
        - Starts when the Gymnast leaves the floor.
        - Stops when the Gymnast lands on the mat after a fall.
        - Re-starts with first movement to continue routine.
        - Stops when the Gymnast arrives on the mat on the dismount.
      - b) Signals with an acoustical instrument (or verbally), indicating a warning of 10 seconds remaining, and a second signal indicating final time.
      - c) Informs the Chief Judge of the time violation verbally or in writing, indicating the actual time.
    - 4) Balance Beam Fall Timer
      - a) Is responsible for the correct timing of falls.  
The watch:
        - Starts when Gymnast lands on the mat after a fall.
        - Stops when Gymnast leaves the floor to re-mount.
      - b) After **25** seconds have passed, announces “20 seconds remaining”.  
After **35** seconds have passed, announces “10 seconds remaining.”  
At **45** seconds, announces “Time”.
    - 5) Floor Exercise Timer
      - a) Is responsible for the correct timing of the exercise.  
The watch:
        - Starts with the first movement of the Gymnast.
        - Stops with the final movement of the Gymnast.
      - b) Informs the Chief Judge of the time violation in writing, indicating the actual time.