



GYMNASTICS
THE INQUIRY PROCESS

1. Coach fills out a written inquiry concerning his/her gymnast.
2. Coach submits inquiry to Meet Referee. (If a Meet Referee has not been designated, the inquiry will be given to the Superior Judge of that event.)
3. The Meet Referee reads the written inquiry and determines if it meets the criteria for a valid inquiry.
 - a) The written inquiry or the verbal intent to inquire must be given to the Meet Referee no more than 10 minutes after all scores for that team were recorded for that event.
 - b) Does it concern one of these 6 issues which can be questioned?
 1. Difficulty/Vault Value
 2. Event Requirements
 3. Neutral Deductions
 4. Advanced High Superiors
 5. Back-to-Back Superiors
 6. Mathematical Error

4. (if not legal)

If the inquiry is on time, but involves an issue other than the 6 concerns listed above, the Meet Referee returns the inquiry with no penalty taken. If the inquiry is not on time, it should be refused with no penalty taken. (This is the end of the process for non-legal inquiries.)

4. (if legal)

If both of the conditions are met as described above, the Meet Referee refers the inquiry to the superior judge of the event in question. *The Superior Judge cannot refuse to review the inquiry.* (See parts 5-7 below).

NOTE: If a coach continues to submit inappropriate inquiries, upon receipt of the 3rd inappropriate inquiry by the same team, the Meet Referee will assess a 1.0 deduction.

5. The superior judge calls a conference with all judges of the event in question. The particular issue inquired is discussed and a decision is made. (The Meet Referee should attend this discussion when possible.)
6. The superior judge notifies the Meet Referee of the decision. (The Inquiry Form provides space for this decision to be formally recorded.)
7. If the score was changed as a result of the inquiry, the Meet Referee informs the scorer's table, and no team deduction is taken. If the score was not changed as a result of the inquiry, the Meet Referee notifies the coach and no team deduction is taken.
8. Last step - the Meet Referee shall return the Inquiry Form to the coach so the decision is received in writing.

INQUIRY FORM

SCHOOL _____ COACH'S NAME _____

GYMNAST'S NAME & NO. _____ EVENT _____

The coach will take this inquiry to the Meet Referee or designated official no later than 10 minutes after all scores for your team are recorded for this event.

_____ Difficulty/Vault Value

_____ Event Requirements

_____ Neutral Deductions

_____ Advanced High Superiors

_____ Back-to-Back Superiors

_____ Mathematical Error

No other judgment decisions shall be questioned. All inquiries must be in writing.

EXPLANATION OF INQUIRY:

Signed _____
(Coach)

_____ Legal inquiry _____ Not legal inquiry

Explanation/Penalties Assessed -

Signed _____
(Meet Referee)

Judge's Decision _____

Signed _____
(Superior Judge)

_____ Score Changed _____ Score Not Changed
