

Week #5 – September 16, 2024

Please read through this information as this is important information coaches and judges need to be aware of this season. These newsletters will be sent weekly throughout the season. If you are aware of an unusual situation or rules/protocols that should be addressed, please email ssmith@kshsaa.org. Thank you for all you do for Kansas athletes!

USING “COMPOSITION”

Concerns have been expressed about the new “Composition” area. There are several things to think about here. First and foremost, this is ONLY .6 of the entire score. This may make a difference down the road, but the increase in “Execution” shows a bigger concern of cleaning up and performing routines.

Judges

This is the one area that is still YOUR thoughts. On the score sheet, there are suggestions of items to deduct for, but that is what they are...SUGGESTIONS. Only a couple of the items are a straight-out deduction. You do not have to mark anything in this area if you choose to.

From John: I just put dots on areas of concern when determining this field. Do not spend a great deal of time arguing over this area if you are judging someone,

Coaches

This is an area you can NOT inquire on after an event. Do not spend tons of time dwelling here on what to improve. Look at “Execution” deductions more and work towards fewer of those.

Bottom Line

The new rule book just condensed down the suggested areas here, but like in the past, this is the one area judges can have some input on how they feel about the routine.

PHOTOGRAPHERS/ATHLETES IN COMPETITION AREA

There have been some concern dealing with two things during a meet:

1. Photographers (especially school photographers) do not know where they can stand. Coaches and Judges please remind these individuals where to stand so they are not in line with gymnast’s reference points. We are thrilled that school photographers are at meets to help with publicity for gymnastics, but please ensure they are instructed where/where not to stand.
2. Make sure that gymnasts that are not competing do not distract the judges. Enthusiasm is great to see in these athletes, but the judges still need to judge so please ensure that athletes not competing are not in the line of judging.

REMINDER(S):

NFHS Gymnastics Resources

2024-2026 Cue Sheets: nfhs.org/2024-2026-cue-sheets/

Referee/Judge Deduction Sheet: [2024-26 NFHS Girls Gymnastics Rules Book - FINAL.pdf](#)

2024-2026 Scoresheets: nfhs.org/articles/2024-2026-scoresheets/

2024-2026 Supplemental Explanations: nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/2024-2026-supplemental-explanations/

Looking Ahead:

-Oct 1: Team pics due to kswatson@kshsaa.org

-Oct 2-9: Judges recommendations due to KSHSAA

-Oct 9: Judge's Postseason Applications due to KSHSAA

-Oct 18: State Entry Form due to KSHSAA

Useful Websites/Links

KSHSAA Gymnastics Website: [Gymnastics \(kshsaa.org\)](https://www.kshsaa.org/gymnastics)

KSHSAA Gymnastics Manual: [GymnasticsAnnoucements.pdf \(kshsaa.org\)](https://www.kshsaa.org/gymnasticsmanual)