

## II. Judging Compensation

### A. Hourly Meet Fees

1. Judges will be paid an hourly fee, according to their rating, with a minimum payment of **three** hours PER DAY. For meets with multiple sessions PER DAY, judges are to be provided a 30-minute break time between scheduled sessions. The daily number of paid hours is calculated by subtracting the required break time (number of sessions minus 1 = number of required 30-minute breaks) from the total time at the meet (from start of report time/judges' meeting to the completion of all four events for the day).  
Examples:
  - a. Three session meet: Report time for judges' meeting is at 8:00 AM, march-in /competition begins at 8:30 AM and the last session ends at 8:00 PM. Two 30-minute breaks were provided. Total time from report time to end of competition in the last session that day is 12 hours. Deduct the required one hour of break time (two 30-minute breaks); the judge will be paid for 11 hours. If both break times between sessions were one hour instead of 30 minutes, there would be a total time of 13 hours (report time at 8:00 AM; meet ends at 9:00 PM), deduct 1 hour of required break time and judges would be paid for 12 hours.
  - b. Four session meet: Report time 8:00 AM; break between sessions 1 & 2 is 30 minutes; break between sessions 2 & 3 is 45 minutes; break between sessions 3 & 4 is 40 minutes. Meet is completely over at 9:20 PM. Total time at meet is 13 hrs. 20 minutes, so round up to 13.5 hours. Subtract 1.5 hrs. for the required break time (3 x 30 min.) for a total of 12 paid hours.
2. If the required break times have not been provided, payment for the day is calculated from the contracted report time to the end of the entire competition for that day.
3. At State, Regional and Nationals competitions which require a video analysis (Base Score) in addition to the judges' meeting, the paid judging time starts with the scheduled report time, up to one hour prior to the scheduled march-in time.
4. A portion of the hourly rate may be broken into halves, not less. Calculate the total time at the meet, then round off to the nearest half-hour (i.e., a total of 8 hours 15 minutes will be considered as 8 hours; a total of 8 hours 16 minutes will be considered as 8½ hours). Do not round up for each session. Subtract the required break time from the total (or adjusted) time at the meet to determine the number of hours for which to be paid the hourly rate based on rating.
5. The fee scale indicated in this document will be applicable for all USA Gymnastics Sanctioned Events unless otherwise specified in advance by the USA Gymnastics President.
6. This Judges' Compensation Package is in effect for all USA Gymnastics competitions, as specified, with exception of judging fees for Xcel meets with entry fees of \$35 or less.

### B. Judges' Fee Scale for Level 1-2 Competitions

The hourly judging fee for a professional member who is not a rated official and is assigned to judge a sanctioned Level 1-2 competition may be negotiated by the Meet Director. The negotiated fee may not exceed the hourly rate for a Level 4/5 judge. If the State Administrative Committee organizes a statewide Level 1-2 competitive program, the State Administrative Committee may designate an hourly rate for a non-rated Professional member in order to maintain consistency.

### C. Championship Meet Fees

Judges shall receive a daily or flat rate, according to ratings. The Daily Rate applies to all meets of more than four hours - up to eight hours of actual judging time. Half-day competitions (up to 4 hours of actual judging time) will use the Half-Day Rate. For JO Regional Meets only, any additional time over eight hours/day will be compensated at the regular hourly rate.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FEES – Judges' fees for State meets may be negotiated by the State Administrative Committee and the chief official of the contracting organization, but cannot exceed the basic fee schedule.

### D. Chief Judge/Meet Referee Payment (Applies to Jr. Olympic meets only)

1. A Meet Referee/Chief Judge shall receive an additional \$10.00 per day at the following USA Gymnastics competitions:
  - a. State meets with four-judge panels
  - b. USA Gymnastics Regional Championships, regardless of the number of judges per panel.
  - c. Level 9 East/West Championships and Level 10 National Championships.
2. No dual compensation is given if the Meet Referee also serves as a Chief Judge.
3. The Meet Referee shall be paid the hourly fee for the time during which she/he is conducting official on-site Meet Referee responsibilities.
4. Chief Judge/Meet Referee fees are NOT paid at state meets with two-judge panels, or at any local/sectional meets.

### III. Xcel Judging Guidelines

- A. Judging Criteria: may be determined by the State Administrative Committee (example, ratings, number of judges per panel etc.).
  - 1. A Level 7/8 rating is required for Platinum and Diamond divisions.
  - 2. If there is a lack of qualified judges, the assignor must contact the RTCC for permission to assign a lower rated judge, if necessary.
- B. Recommendation: two judge panels.
- C. An Affiliated Judge: can be used.
- D. Affiliation: there may not be more than one judge per panel with the same affiliation.

Division	Judges' Rating	Rate per hour
Bronze and Silver	Non-Rated Pro Members	\$15.38
All Divisions	Level 4/5 only	\$15.98
	Level 6/7/8 only	\$18.27
	Level 4/5 and 6/7/8	\$20.55
	Level 9	\$25.11
	Level 10	\$28.54
	National	\$30.83
	Brevet	\$33.11