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Judging Rules

- A typical competition should include two (or more in major competitions) judges per event: The Deduction judge and the Start Value judge. The Deduction judge is responsible for taking deductions during the routine. The Start Value judge is responsible for determining the final Start Value including bonuses, in addition to calculating the final score.
- The Start Value judge is responsible for signalling to the gymnasts when they may begin their routine
- Once a routine is done, each judge will add up their respective scores, and then the Deduction judge will tell the Start Value judge the final amount of deductions. The Start Value judge will then calculate and release the final score. It is important for the judges to complete this process quickly to ensure proper competition flow.
- When a gymnast/coach presents an inquiry to the Start Value judge (because deductions cannot be inquired about) the judge is able to watch a video replay (if available) of the routine and recalculate the Start Value
- Due to each judge handling different parts of the score, it should be rare that disagreements occur; however, if they do, the Start Value judge gets the final say

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