

A few tips to understanding a gymnastic scorecard:

A scorecard includes four numbers that add together for an “all-around” or AA score. Each event starts at a 10. The judge takes deductions anywhere between a 1/10 to 8/10 on things such as form, text errors (wrong arm or foot placement), artistry (dancing), posture, skills (including angles and lines), landings of dismounts, etc.

*Judges have a guidebook that every USAG judge follows. Deductions are standard, but can vary depending on judge preference and skill level of gymnasts at specific meets.

*Two judges are required (except at Level 2) and the scores are averaged for the final score. There cannot be too large of a span between their scores.

*Judges can offer suggestions to the coach on the team as a whole after the entire team has completed an event. It is not encouraged to inquire about individual gymnast scores unless an *official inquiry* is turned in and only at the higher levels.

*If you feel there is an error in addition or input into the computer scoring program, please alert the coach BEFORE the awards begin. Once the computer compiles scores and ranks the gymnasts the meet host is unable to fix it before kids are given their ribbons. Remember: You are watching one gymnast's score and coaches are watching routines, not scores!

*Judges scores can vary from meet to meet and coaches are learning every meet how to improve. Don't hesitate to ask questions, but sometimes we can't explain a difference between a few tenths in a score:)

*AA Scores required to move onto Sectionals and State meets:

Level 2's will participate in local meets only. (no state meets until Level 3)

Level 3-4: Qualifying to Spring Sectionals - 32.00 in two local meets

Level 3: 35.0 at Sectionals to move onto State

Level 4: 35.5 at Sectionals to move onto State

Level 5: 32.00 AA in two local meets to move directly to State.

Levels 6 & up: 32.00 AA in one local meet to move directly to State

Level 8-9 Regionals: Level 8: % of % Level 9/10: 34.00 AA at State