

# NASDE Referee System

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## Referee Forms:

- Referee Rules Checklist (one for Classic; one for Showcase)
- Panel Review Sheet

## Overview

1. A TV/VCR, DVD, or computer in Judges Room with playback capability to review the dance division in question. The event should coordinate with the videographer and referee to determine the playback setup.
2. The event must hire a dedicated referee. The referee will review routines for rules violations, such as duration, weight supported moves, and lifts.
3. The event must have a video of each performance for review.
4. A review panel is formed, consisting of the chief judge and two (2) other judges.
5. The referee will have a checklist for each couple during their performance.
6. If a referee flags a performance for review, the referee will acquire the video and review the video any number of times.
7. If the referee determines a violation possibly occurred, the review panel will be assembled to review and determine final judgement.
8. The referee presents the video and possible violation to the review panel and will answer any questions from the review panel.
9. The review panel reviews the video as many times as necessary to determine if violation occurred. Verbal interaction between panel members is encouraged. Be concise, get to the point, give opinion, and move on.
10. At the conclusion, each panel member indicates "Pass" or "Fail" for each couple in question. There is no need for panel members to agree. Majority opinion (2 out of 3) carries.
11. The results are recorded on a Panel Review Sheet and the couple is given an overall "Pass" or "Fail".
12. If couple "Fails", the panel determines if the violation was an "error" or "penalty". An "error" signifies that the violation was not a deliberate action against the rules. Errors include the drop already being part of the judges' scores or a drop of up to two (2) placements. A "penalty" signifies that the violation was a deliberate action against the rules. Penalties include not being called-back for the next round or dropped to last place in a finals round.
13. Any and all Panel Reviews taking place should be noted on the scoring sheets with a "VR" (Violation-Review) when posting scores, even reviews that passed. Any drop in placement is noted with a "VP" (Violation-Penalty), on the posted scoring sheets, using VP1 or VP2 to further define the number of placements dropped.
14. The details of the Referee Panel are NOT to be posted. All Panel Review Sheets and Referee Rules Checklist are turned into the chief judge to be included in the Scoring Book for future review and archiving.