

NASDE Referee System

As of January 1, 2025

Referee Forms:

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

Overview

1. The event must be equipped with a system 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 recording 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.
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. The review panel has the authority to determine if a couple will receive no drop in placement, one drop in placement, or two drops in placement or each error identified. 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 and the NASE Board for future review and archiving.