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Clarification of unusual circumstance:

Regarding the Special Requirements/Compulsory Element Requirements on all apparatus, Compulsory and Optional Exercises:

Special Requirements and/or compulsory elements are required to be performed as written.

Regardless of special circumstances, i.e. injuries, physical disabilities, etc. elements and special requirements will be evaluated as written in the compulsory and optional texts. Appropriate deductions taken for deviation from correct technique, substitution, changing of an element, omission of an element (or Special Requirement), etc. The same standard of performance is in effect for all athletes with no exceptions.

Regarding inappropriate remarks, or comments, harassment, and or gestures by coaches directed toward any official or meet personnel during the competition:

Rules and Policies, PG 12, states that unacceptable coach behavior can be defined as:

“Inappropriate remarks, or comments, harassment, and or gestures by coaches directed toward any official or meet personnel during the competition”.

Such above described behavior will be penalized as follows:

- 1) First Offense: Verbal warning will be issued by the Meet Referee/Technical Director.
- 2) Second Offense: Withdrawal of floor credential, necessitating ejection from the competitive floor (or possibly the entire competitive arena).

While this is hopefully an unlikely situation, if the conditions present itself and a coach is removed from the floor, if there is no other coach for that team, those athletes cannot compete.

It is realized that the athletes will be penalized for a coach's behavior; however, unacceptable coach behavior cannot be tolerated.

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