

## NMAA/NMOA Spirit Officials Information

All judges will register through the NM Officials Association and be referred to as Spirit Officials.

See requirements below:

- NMOA registration submitted and paid by printed deadline (\$30 by 9/1 of same year)
- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Minimum experience (coach, participant, judge, etc.): 3 years to be a performance official, 5 years to be a technical official
- Must complete online AACCA Spirit Safety Course
- Must pass current year's Spirit Rules test by October 15 of same year (70% to be a performance official, and 85% to be a technical official)
- Must attend 1 Spirit Officials Clinic every 2 years (Separate clinics will be held for performance and technical officials. An individual wanting to remain registered in both areas would need to attend one of each clinic every 2 years)

Anyone meeting the above requirements is eligible for judging. An active coach may register to be an official and may judge competitions assuming:

1. The school at which the coach presides is not participating in the competition.
2. The coach has not acted as a consultant to any teams participating in the competition.
3. Teams from the coach's district and of the same classification are not participating in the competition.

Officials will be trained to judge in both disciplines but are not required to judge both.

Spirit officials will be held to the applicable NMOA by-laws.

Officials will be paid by the following fee schedule

- All Day competition - technical official \$80
- All Day competition - performance official \$69
- All Day competition - single discipline performance official \$53
- 1/2 Day competition - technical official \$53
- 1/2 Day competition - performance official \$45
- 1/2 Day competition - single discipline performance official \$35

Judges training will be scheduled on a yearly basis and advertised via the NMAA website and MVP email.

Please contact Kristin Derr, NMAA Assistant Director, with questions.

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