

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 (\$40 by September 1st of same year)
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Performance Official Minimum of 1 Year experience (coach, participant, judge, etc.)
- Technical Officials must pass current year's Spirit Rules test with an 85% by October 15th of same year and they must complete the online USA Cheer and Dance Safety Course
- All Spirit Officials must attend the annual NMAA Spirit Clinic in order to be an official.

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

1. The school at which the coach/inactive presides or did preside is not participating in the competition.
2. The active coach/inactive coach has not acted as a consultant to any teams participating in the competition.
3. Teams from the active /inactive 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 \$84
- All Day competition - performance official \$72
- All Day competition - single discipline performance official \$56
- 1/2 Day competition - technical official \$56
- 1/2 Day competition - performance official \$47
- 1/2 Day competition - single discipline performance official \$37

Judges training will be scheduled on a yearly basis and advertised via the NMAA website. Please contact Vanessa Whitaker, with questions.

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