

SARA Chief Gate Judge Certification Exam

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True or False (enter T or F)

1. The chief gate judge must be a member of USSA with a minimum certification of level 1 Competition Official.
2. For technical events, the voting members of the Jury, consists of the Chief of Course, the Referee, and the Technical Delegate.
3. The DSQ report (Report by the Referee) must be posted for 15 minutes before the protest period against disqualification expires.
4. According to USSA rules the Chief Gate Judge, the Start Referee and the Finish Referee are non-voting Jury Advisors.
5. The Chief of Race represents the Race Organizing Committee (ROC) on the jury and is responsible for making sure the race venue and skier security equipment are adequate.
6. The Technical Delegate represents USSA on the jury, and is tasked to make sure the rules are followed, athlete security is adequate, and the timing and scoring are accurate.
7. The Referee is the advocate for the athletes and coaches on the jury and should be selected from active coaches with Referee certifications.
8. The Chief Gate Judge is one of several officials that would be considered “eyes of the jury” whose testimony may carry more weight than other non-official witnesses in a jury meeting.
9. An assistant Referee may be assigned as a voting member of the Jury for technical events.
10. All gate judges who have been witnesses to an event that would lead to disqualification should be readily available for testimony until the protest period against disqualification has expired.
11. All DNFs require a detailed diagram.

12. The gate judge should disqualify an athlete if he/she is 50% certain there was a fault committed.

13. After placing the gate judges and reporting to the jury that the gate judges are in place, the chief gate judge should check with each gate judge to confirm they are watching the correct gates, they are positioned properly, and their cards are properly prepared.

14. The chief gate judge should be prepared to fill in for a gate judge who must leave his/her position before the end of the run.

Mark all of the following with an X that are NOT duties or responsibilities of the Chief Gate Judge.

15. Make sure gate judges are placed in the best position to observe and maintain their assigned gates.

16. Ensure the gate judges equipment is placed outside of obvious fall zones.

17. Determine placement of athlete security netting

18. Assign gates to judges based on their experience and certification level

19. Recruit an adequate number of Gate Judges

20. Ensure all gate judges have prepared their gate cards properly

21. At the gate judge meeting, review the rules that apply to coming to a complete stop on course, hiking, and being passed for that event.

22. Work with the Chief of Timing to ensure DSQ information has been entered into the timing software.

23. Supervise the course maintenance workers

24. Conduct the gate judge meeting prior to the race

25. At the GJ meeting explain that all competitors who have stopped on course are DNF

26. Provide snacks and fluids for all Gate Judges

27. Document interference and DSQs witnessed by the CGJ

28. Meet the Referee at the finish immediately after each run to review the gate cards

29. Communicate the time and location for gate judges to meet on the hill prior to each run for placement of gate judges
30. Prior to the run, confirm your gate count with timing or a member of the jury at the finish
31. Remain at the top as much as possible to deliver replacement gate poles to the course as needed
32. Report infractions of the competitor equipment rules to the Referee
33. Sanction athletes who have been overheard using foul language within the race venue
34. Review the rules for interference and legal gate passage at the gate judge meeting
35. Distribute gate judge supplies at the Gate Judge meeting and collect them or provide instructions where to return them after the race
36. Require all gate judges to remain in the finish area until the Referee or TD releases them
37. Document the gate numbers and the name of the person assigned to them
38. Tell all gate judges who have been released by the Referee after the final run that they are free to leave the mountain
39. In the gate judge meeting, explain how it is important to watch the hands and body to determine legal gate passage
40. Work with the Referee to determine what sanctions to apply to a competitor that has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner

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