### The movement starts here.







### 2024 – 2025 Development Program Update



### 2024 Women's Development Program of the Year

### **REGIONAL NOMINEES**

- REGION 1:
   Olympus Gymnastics UT
- REGION 2:
   Pacific Reign WA
- REGION 3: Metroplex Gymnastics – TX
- REGION 4: Twin City Twisters – MN

- REGION 5: Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy – OH
- REGION 6:
   Connecticut Gymnastics Academy CT
- REGION 7: Capital Gymnastics – VA
- REGION 8: Brandy Johnson's Global Gymnastics - FL



### Congratulations

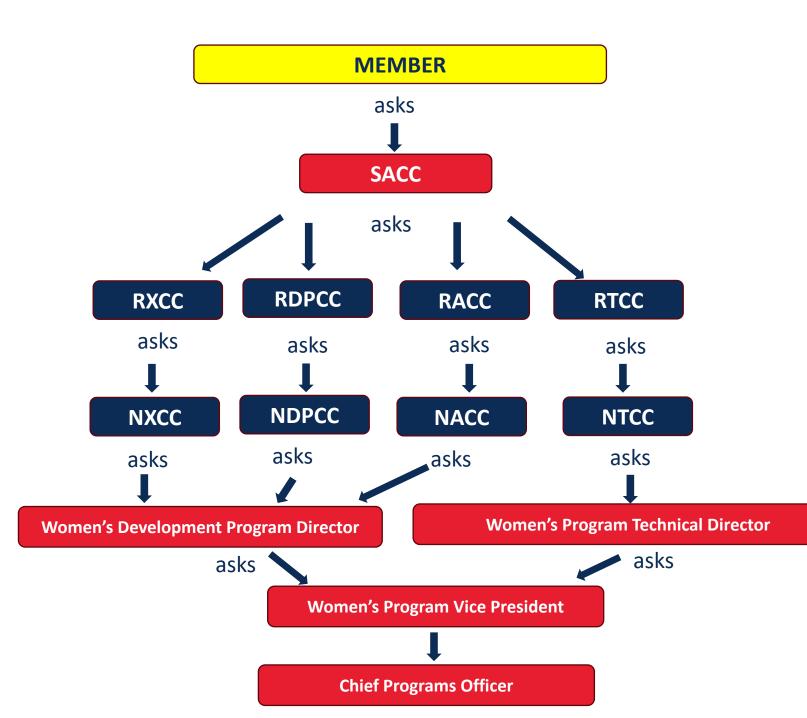
# BRANDY JOHNSON'S GLOBAL GYMNASTICS



### WHO MADE THAT RULE???

ADMINISTRATIVE (ADMIN) COMMITTEE MEETING
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (DEV) COMMITTEE MEETING
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING (TECH)
JOINT DEV/TECH COMMITTEE MEETING







Should members have questions, they should utilize the Hotline starting with contact to the State Administrative Committee Chair

**State** 

SACC – State Administrative Committee Chair

#### **Regional**

RXCC – Regional Xcel Committee Chair RDPCC – Regional Development Program Committee Chair RACC – Regional Administrative Committee Chair RTCC – Regional Technical Committee Chair

#### **National**

NXCC – National Xcel Committee Chair NDPCC – National Development Program Committee Chair NACC – National Administrative Committee Chair NTCC – National Technical Committee Chair

#### **USAG Staff**

See Hotline published within the Rules & Policies for further information.





### **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

APPROVED MINUTES CAN BE FOUND HERE



ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PRESENTATION IS OFFICIAL.



The following clarifications and recommendations for change are to be effective for the 2024-2025 season, scheduled to begin August 1, 2024.



### **RULES & POLICIES**

- TO BE UPDATED AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE BY 8/1/24
- PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE DOCUMENT





Membership roles that are allowed on the field of play.

- 1. Athlete
- 2. Competitive Coach
- 2. Judge
- 3. Meet Director
- 4. Volunteer\*
- 5. Photographer/Videographer\*6. Medical\*
  - \*Must be contracted by the Meet Director





### **MEMBER CONDUCT**

No nicotine products (cigarettes, ecigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.), vapes or any other smoking paraphernalia are allowed in the venue.

No firearms or dangerous weapons are allowed in the venue.





### **ATHLETE RELOCATION**

Athlete relocates residences between state and regional meets (placing them in a different region):

• ONLY DEV Level 8 and below athletes and ALL Xcel divisions - ALLOWED to compete in new region, but MUST meet qualifying requirements of that region and qualification was by score, not rank of athletes.

• DEV Level 9 or 10 athlete must compete in region they qualified in, regardless of new residence.

### ALLOWABLE ATHLETE APPAREL

### Shorts or tights allowed

- Can be capri length or longer that match the leotard, are black, or match the athletes skin tone.
- May be worn under or over the leotard.
- A small manufacturer's branding allowed, but no embellishments.

Unitards may have long legs to the ankle or short length and may be with or without sleeves.

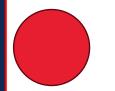


### **OFFICIALS**

Level 1, 2, and 3 competitions may be judged by any non-rated competitive coach member or rated judge members.

Contact your SACC for specific State requirements and appropriate numbers of judges per panel.





### **DEFINING IES ATHLETES**

Individual Event Specialist/IES
 An athlete who competes 3 events or less

# All-Around athletes An athlete who competes all 4 events

\*Exceptions as written still apply





### **IES DESIGNATION**

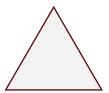
State meet All-Around qualified gymnasts do NOT have to designate as IES.

• If their scores do not qualify in the AA, may still have qualified on an individual event.

State meet IES qualified gymnasts MUST designate events

 Not eligible to compete on events in which they did not qualify.





### **INJURED ATHLETES**

Only competing gymnasts and coach(es) allowed onto field of play, only during session they are competing.

At Meet Director's discretion and at invitationals ONLY, may include gymnasts who were entered / scheduled for session but scratched due to injury.





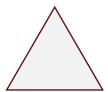
### FORMAT / MAX ATHLETES ALLOWED Clarification

### If competition runs 2 events at a time:

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Number of competitors per session= half of maximum allowable competitors for that level or division.





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### **BYE ROTATIONS**

CURRENT: At DEV State meets and above: Meet Directors are REQUIRED to utilize a bye rotation when there are 5 or less athletes per squad.

UPDATE: If a Meet Director is aware of any rotation that will have 5 or less athletes prior to the start of competition, a bye rotation is required to be utilized.



### TIMED WARM-UPS (LEVEL 9/10 BARS)

# At all sanctioned events on Uneven Bars ONLY:

- if a Level 9/10 squad has less than 5 athletes (4 or less) due to onsite scratches or unforeseen circumstances, an additional 2 1/2 minutes timed warm-up may be provided.
- This WILL include the bar settings.





### **DELAY OF COMPETITION PROCEDURES**

Any situation regarding delay of competition on the field of play (i.e. equipment failure, athlete injury, unforeseen circumstances, etc.):

 Meet Director, in conjunction with Meet Referee, will assess the situation to make appropriate call regarding additional warm-up time.





# When assigning judges to a competition with multiple days:

 Rotate the assigned events each day ONLY IF meet has separate awards ceremonies for each session.

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### **OFFICIALS COMPENSATION**

### 4 - Judge Panel:

**At all Dev and Xcel Regional** Championship meets, the daily rate, (min 4 hours-up to 8 hours) will increase \$20.00 per day for Brevet and National rated judges, and \$10.00 per day for Levels 8-10 rated judges.

#### This would bring the Championship fees to:

	Full Day	Half Day
Brevet	\$250.00	\$125.00
National	\$240.00	\$120.00
Level 10	\$220.00	\$110.00
Level 9	\$210.00	\$105.00
Level 7/8	\$200.00	\$100.00

The regular hourly rate after 8 hours remains the same.



### **OFFICIALS COMPENSATION**

### **2-Judge Panel:**

At all Dev and Xcel Regional Championship Meets that utilize a 2-judge panel, Championship fees (the daily rate) <u>does not</u> apply. Regular hourly fees will be calculated.

• The additional \$10.00 per day Chief Judge fee remains in effect.





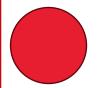
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### **VIDEO REVIEW**

## Judging panel is allowed to review the submitted video once the video review process has been finalized.





### **MANDATE SCORE**

# **RULES & POLICIES**

### USA Gymnastics CANNOT require/mandate a gymnast to move up to a higher level/division.





### **DECLARATION DATE**

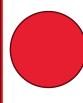
**Friendly reminder** 

### An athlete may NOT drop back to a lower level/division in a competitive season <u>AFTER</u> the declaration date.

SAC determines prior to the beginning of the competitive year, a designated "declaration" date for each level for this purpose.

The highest level/division competed at a sanctioned competition after the "declaration" date will determine the program (Dev / Xcel) for which the athlete can compete for the remainder of that season. It does NOT matter if an athlete competed in 1 event or as an All-Arounder, if they competed a higher level/division after the declaration date they are bound by the qualification rules of that level/division for the rest of the season. DO NOT MAKE THIS MISTAKE!!!





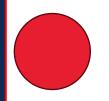
### **DEFINING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Unforeseen = Unpredictable circumstances

**RULES & POLICIES** 

If a gymnast is unable to compete with her designated age group, she may compete on another day (or in another session) with the approval of the SACC for State **Championships and RACC for Regional** Championships.



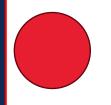


### **DEFINING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

Competition schedules are set using available dates without regard to the diversity of religious and cultural practices of potential participants.

USA Gymnastics acknowledges and regrets that athletes may have to choose to opt out of participation in any specific competition due to religious practices or scheduling conflicts.





### **ENTRY FEES – STATE & REGIONAL**

Consistency between State and Regional entry fee maximums:

- State Championships: determined by SAC and MUST be approved by RACC, may NOT exceed Regional Championship meet entry fee.
  - Regional Championships: determined by RAC and MUST be approved by NACC, may NOT exceed National Championship meet entry fee.





### **INJURY PETITION**

If an athlete is injured prior to competing her 4th event, she may utilize:

- Regular injury petition procedure OR
- may elect to utilize her 3-event score if it is equal to or greater than 75% of required petition score.





### ALLOWED MATS ON FLOOR CLARIFICATION

Currently in R&P: Only 1 skill cushion/throw mat (4 inch or 8 inch) per tumbling pass may be used, with no more than 2 mats on the Floor Exercise area at any one point in time. Matting may be used as a take-off / landing surface.

### CLARIFICATIONS TO BE ADDED:

- An athlete may NOT utilize the 2 mats end to end on any one tumbling pass, i.e., punch off one mat to land on another.
- If using a sting mat in addition to the 2 supplemental mats, the sting mat must be under or on top of the 4" throw mat or 8" skill cushion.

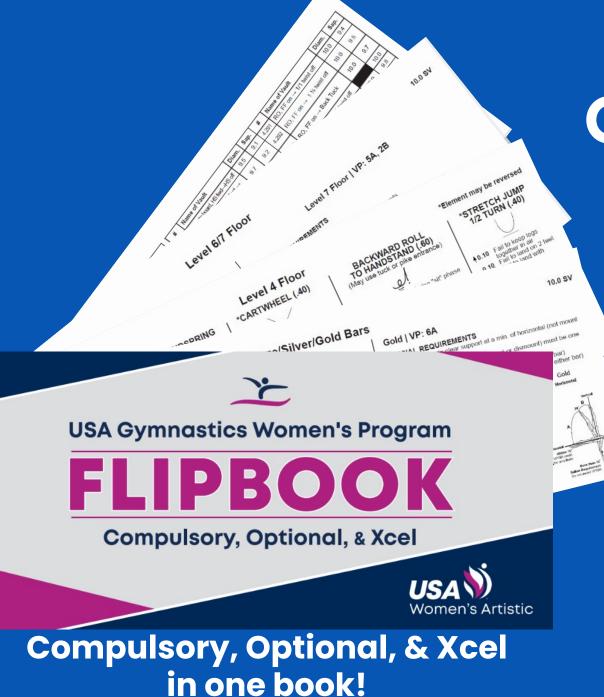


### **ADDITIONAL STATE REPRESENTATION**

USA Gymnastics Women's Program is excited to offer additional competitive opportunities to identified overseas military bases starting in 2025! In conjunction with the National Office and our volunteer leadership, identified military bases will be assigned to appropriate state/region based on their proximity to the US.

Military bases will follow rules of each respective state, with any possible exception requests made at the discretion of the SAC.





# Coming in 2024-25!

EDUCATION Optional Level 6/7 Course

Xcel Platinum – Sapphire Course



### COMPULSORY PROGRAM

Here you can find:

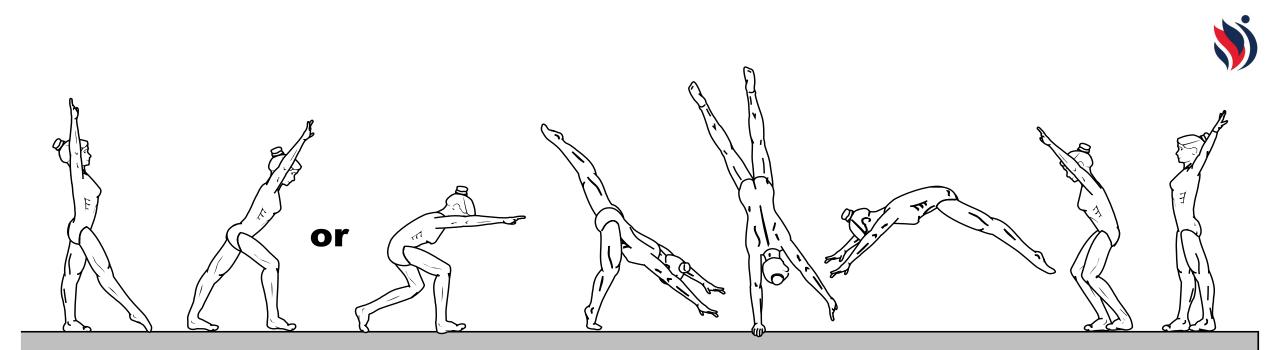
- Links to purchase Compulsory Book (physical, eBook & W316)
- Floor routine music
- Replacement pages (+ how to print)





### LEVEL 5 BEAM: Round-off added as additional option

#### COMPULSORY



**Rt. or Lt. foot in front** 

Points of emphasis: Stretched body alignment through vertical, straight arms and legs, flight off hands

### COMPULSORY



#### **DEDUCTIONS: Level 5 ROUND-OFF**

Failure to pass through vertical

Failure to land on both feet simultaneously

Failure to show flight from hands to feet(i.e., hands and feet on beam at the same time)+ See general faults and penalties





<u>0.10</u>

0.30

up to 0.30



#### OPTIONAL CODE OF POINTS

Here you can find:

- Links to purchase Code of Points (physical and electronic)
- All appendix items
- Replacement pages (+ how to print)
- Google Play resources





Whenever <u>1.00</u> or greater flat deduction is applied, the allowable score range does NOT apply, instead, **scores will be averaged.** 

Examples include <u>but are not limited to</u> performance of a one-arm Vault (all Levels), not landing on the bottom of the feet first (Level 6), or a spotting deduction during the Vault (Level 8).



Chief Judge (CJ) deduction of <u>1.00</u> **REMOVED** for the performance of a Vault with only one hand.

• The <u>1.00</u> deduction will now be applied by all judges under the Support phase.

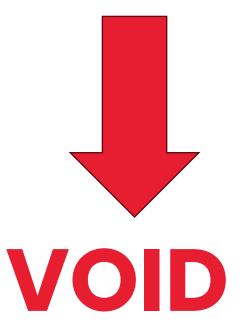




#### **LEVEL 6/7 - DEDUCTIONS**

### Level 6/7 Vault:

• if the first point of contact on the mat stack is the neck or head...



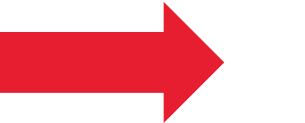




#### **LEVEL 6/7 - DEDUCTIONS**

#### Angle of repulsion deduction **REDUCED**:











### Level 6/7 Vault mat stack height MUST be equal to or higher than the underside of the top of the table.

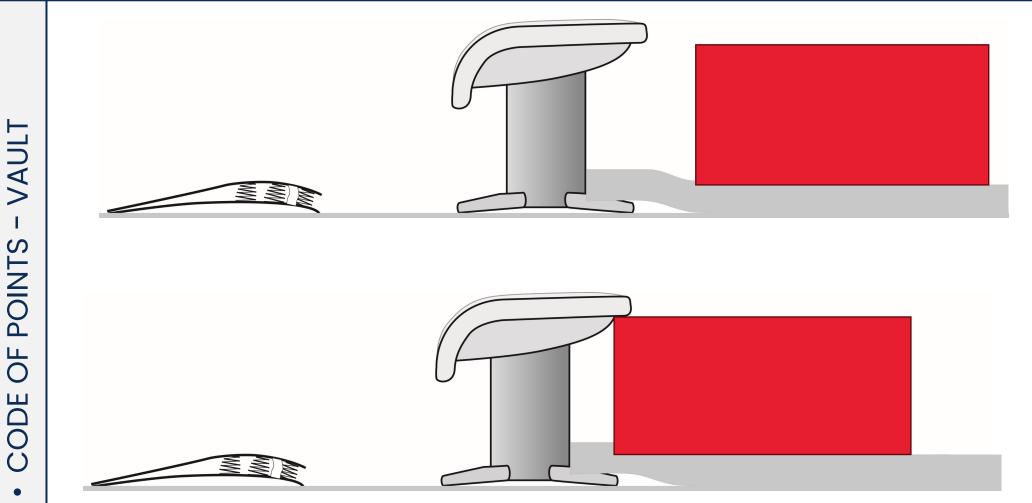
• There is no maximum height for the mat stack.

• Chief Judge (CJ) to apply <u>0.30</u> for insufficient mats if the minimum height of the mat stack is not equal to or higher than the height of the underside of the top of the table.





#### LEVEL 6/7 – MAT STACK







#### **LEVEL 8-10 DEDUCTIONS**

Up to 0.10 deduction will be applied for **UNDER ROTATION** to ALL Level 8-10 Vaults.



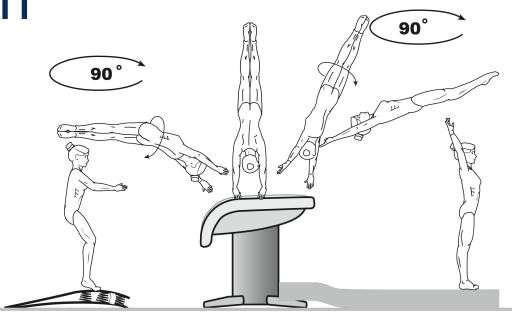
**CODE OF POINTS - VAULT** 



#### LEVEL 8 <u>ONLY</u> – NEW VAULT

#### # 1.108 - ¼-on ¼-off to face outward

• 9.0 SV

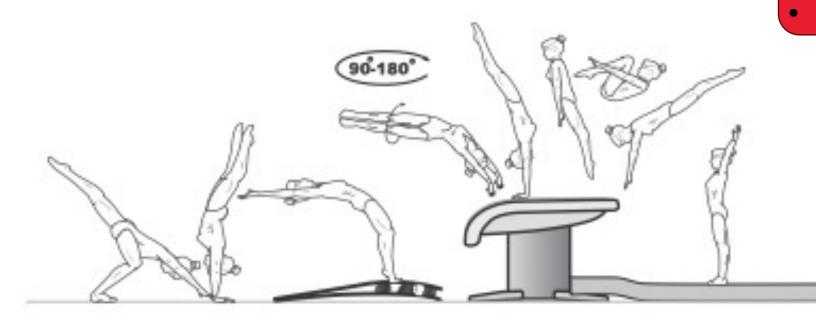






#### LEVEL 9 & 10 – NEW VAULT

- # 3.301
- Front handspring onto board, ¼-½ on, back tuck salto off
  - Level 9 9.7 SV
    Level 10 9.5 SV







### BARS



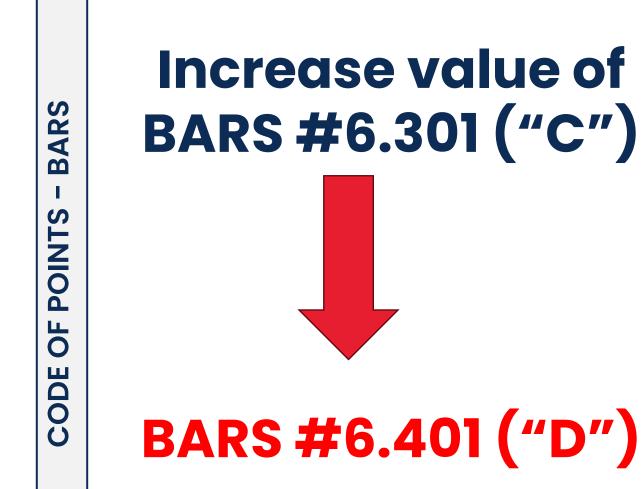
A coach sprays water or chalks the bar once the exercise has begun:

- 0.20 Chief Judge (CJ) deduction
- No warning will be given

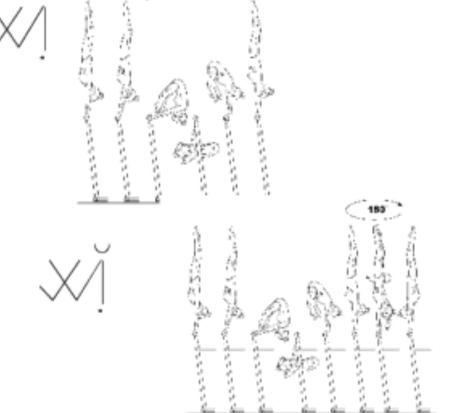




#### **STALDER CIRCLES – VALUE CHANGE**



Stalder forward to handstand, also with 1/2 (180°) turn in handstand phase

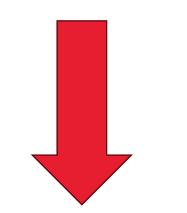






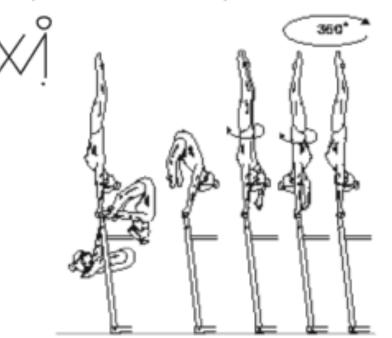
#### **STALDER CIRCLES – VALUE CHANGE**

# Increase value of BARS #6.401 ("D")



BARS # 6.501 ("E")

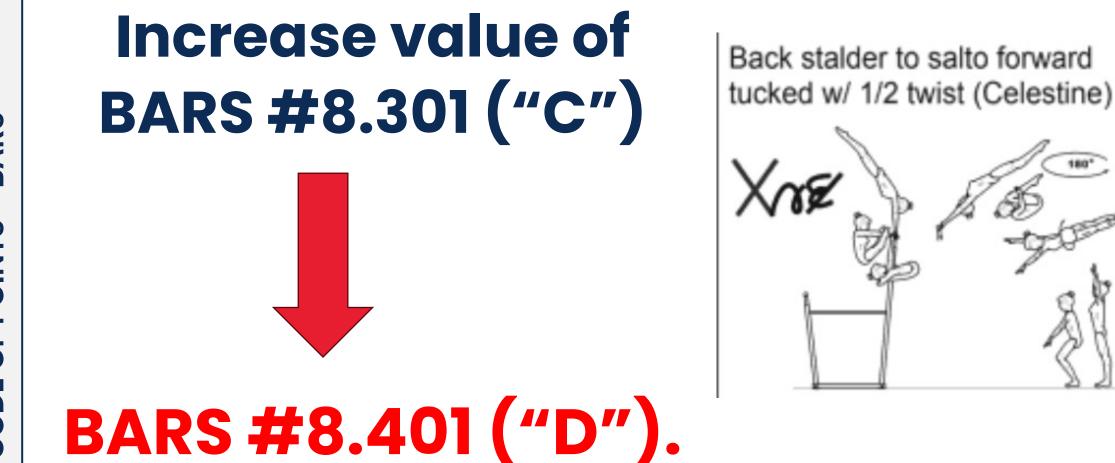
Stalder forward to handstand with 1/1 (360°) turn in handstand phase







#### **DISMOUNTS – VALUE CHANGE**







#### **DISMOUNTS – VALUE CHANGE**

# Increase value of BARS #8.301 ("C") \*

front pike with 1/2 twist variation



From HB – underswing (toe-on or clear) or back stalder (not illustrated) to salto forward tucked or piked

also with 1/2 (180°) twist



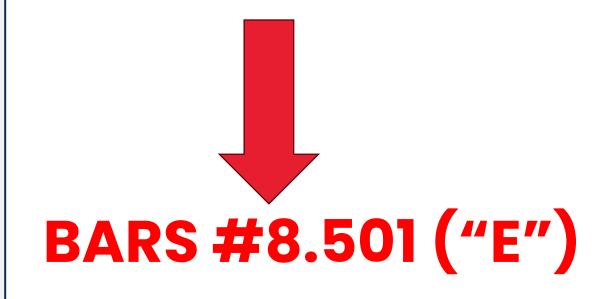




#### **DISMOUNTS – VALUE CHANGE**

### **Increase value of** BARS #8.401 ("D")

front pike with 1/1 twist variation



From HB – underswing (toe-on or clear) to salto forward tucked or piked with 1/1 (360°) twis







#### **RESTRICTED ELEMENT PERFORMED**

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If 2 **different** restricted elements are performed in the same routine regardless of whether **either** element receives VP credit or not, (due to spot, failure to land on feet, not touching the hands on a release element, etc.) the gymnast will receive:

<u>0.50</u> deduction for performing the 2nd restricted element.



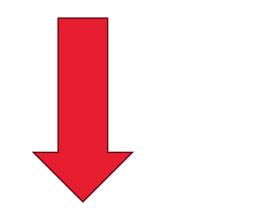


### BEAM



#### LEAPS, JUMPS, HOPS – VALUE CHANGE

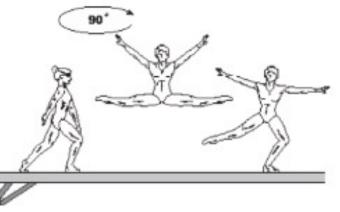
### Increase value of BEAM #2.201 ("B")



BEAM #2.301 ("C")

Split or stag-split leap forward (take-off from one leg) with 1/4 (90°) turn to straddle position (Side leap)

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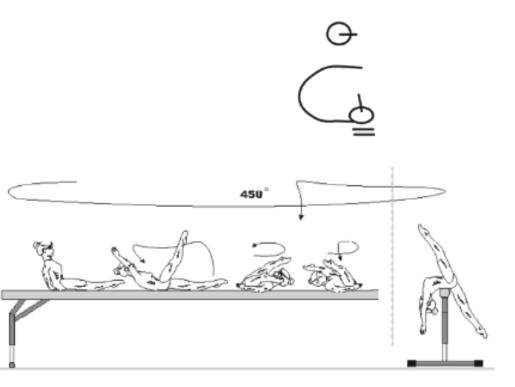


#### **TURNS – VALUE CHANGE**

# Increase value of BEAM #3.307

BEAM #3.407 ("D")

 $1\frac{1}{4}$  (450°) turn on back in kip position (hip-leg angle closed) (LiLi)





**CODE OF POINTS - BEAM** 



#### **NEW SALTO VARIATION**

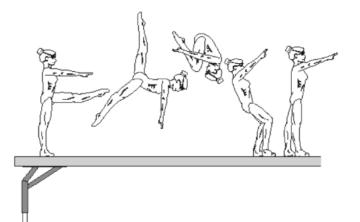
## #8.401: ADD variation

#### Also with ¼ turn

#### 8.401

Salto forward tucked, take-off from one leg to stand or to land on one knee and one foot simultaneously (Hawthorne); -also from a stand on one leg, swing free leg through backward to front salto tucked (Rowe

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#### **ROOT ACRO SKILLS**

All variations of root Acro skills will receive an "A" Value Part, regardless of entrance, exit, or final position.





FLOOR BEAM, S POINT Ч О Ц CODE REMOVE: up to 0.20 deduction for insufficient leg separation for a Switch-leg leap, Sissonne/Split Jump that achieves less than 135° split

UPDATING with: Appropriate deductions to applicable VP performed will be applied





### FLOOR



#### **ACRO SALTO ELEMENTS**

#### Not up to the Competitive Level MODIFICATION

- Formulas are based on 4 Acro (Saltos) within a routine; regardless of Direct/Indirect connections or whether the Saltos are isolated or within an Acro pass.
- There will be an additional 0.05 deduction for each Salto missing from the formula.
- Saltos may be performed in any order.

DEDUCTION	LEVEL 8				LEVEL 9				LEVEL 10			
No deduction (if all criteria met)	в	в	в	А	с	с	с	А	D	D D	D R C	A B
0.05	В	в	А	А	с	с	в	В	D	D	с	А
0.10	В	Α	А	Α	с	с	в	Α	D	с	с	В
0.15	В	Α	Α	-	с	В	в	В	D	с	с	А
0.20	No "B" Saltos				No "C" Saltos				No "D or E" Saltos			



FLOOR S POINT ЧO CODE

#### **GENERAL - DEDUCTIONS**

Beginning August 1, 2026:

FLOOR POINTS -ЦO CODE

The use of human or synthesized voice in floor music to create words, sounds, chanting, etc. will **no longer be allowed**.

• A 1.00 CJ deduction will be taken for any floor music with voice.

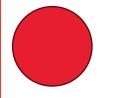




#### **OPERATING CODE**

- All items are recommendations to and must be voted on by the Women's Program Committee (WPC) prior to implementation
- WPC meeting scheduled to take place 6/29/24 at National Congress





#### STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee:

**ADD** - Additional criteria for SACC eligibility requirements:

 Must have served on a State, Regional or National Committee.



Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee:

**OPERATING CODE** 

Regional Technical Committee (2-3 of the highest rated judges): Assist in the organization of clinics, camps, petitions, administrative work, newsletters, and correspondence.



Recommendation to the Women's Program Committee:

# **OPERATING CODE**

#### REGIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

**ADD** - Must have been assigned to judge East/West and Development National Championships (formerly JO National Championships) in the current or previous cycle.

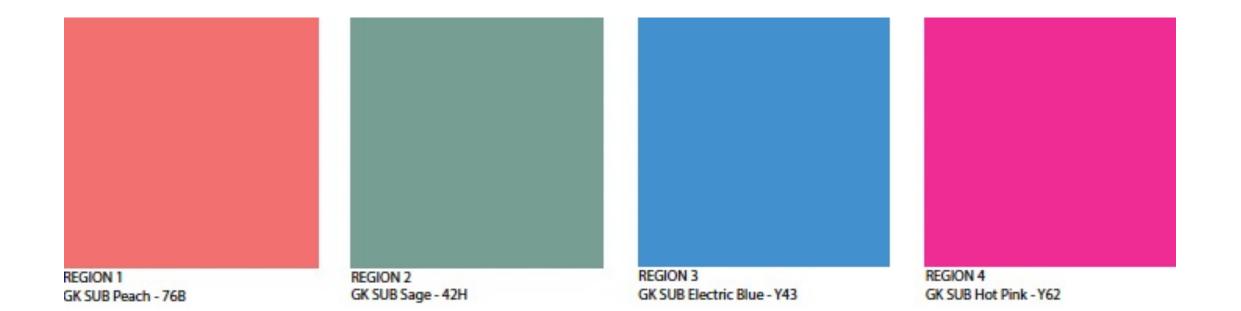




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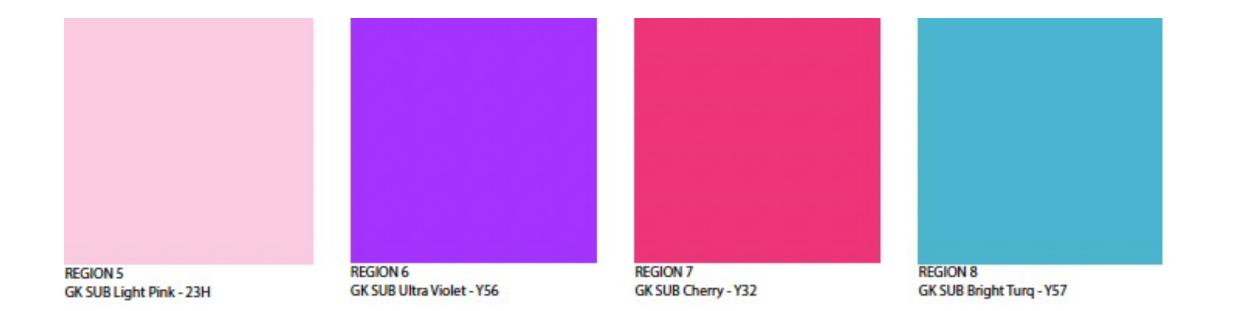
#### **WEST REGIONS**





2025-2028 REGIONAL COLORS

#### **EAST REGIONS**







#### THE END!