

GENERAL

Recommendation to allow judges to use electronic tablets for gymnastics purposes only on the Field of Play.

PASSED unanimously Note: The Meet Referee is responsible for monitoring the appropriate use of these devices. Feedback on the use of these devices should be directed to the RTCC. NTC

Recommendation that an affiliated judge can be used on a one-judge panel for Jr. Olympic Levels 1 and 2.

Passed unanimously NTC

Clarification that volunteering at the 2013 Winter/Spring State & above meets and attendance at the June 2013 Compulsory workshops and Congresses may be used to fulfill the requirements for both the Judges' annual CPE and the National Course eligibility for 2017. A new form will be developed for judges who will be eligible in 2017 to validate their educational and volunteer hours. NTC

Reminder to judges that all rules should be applied consistently throughout the season, regardless of the type of meet (including invitationals). It is important that the athletes have an accurate assessment of their performance at every competition. It is not appropriate for Meet Directors to encourage judges to be lenient in their scores in order to ensure that clubs will return the following year to their Invitational. NTC

Recommendations for changes in the Officials section of the *Rules and Policies for 2013-14*: Recommendation to the National office for changes to the Judges Compensation package for 2013-14: Page 63 under Break Time chart – change the wording from “recommended break time” to “required break time.” NTC

Lodging, 2. "Accommodations should be based on double occupancy – two beds. Add “not to include sleeper sofa”. NTC

"Judges will be paid an hourly fee, according to their rating, with a minimum of **three** hours for a one-session meet. NTC

Clarification: The half-day and full-day fee for National Elite meets is applied only when the meet is designated solely as a National Elite Qualifier; not when it is a session held within an invitational meet. NTC

The Technical Committee and the National office will produce a “What's New for the JO Program” to identify elements that have changed value and the significant changes in Special Requirements and Difficulty restrictions at the various levels. The element evaluation form will also be revised to request that coaches submit these forms at least three weeks prior to the first competition at which the gymnast plans to perform the new element. NTC

Recommendation that a flash from a camera is not a valid reason to allow a gymnast to repeat a routine. Passed NTC-NJOC

Recommendation that at state meets and above, a coach can request a video review by the Meet Referee (if video is available) in the event the inquiry involves the possibility that the judges missed an element that would affect the Start Value. Passed NTC-NJOC

Examples:

All judges did not record a full turn on BB.

One or more judges recorded a 2/1 twist instead of 3/1 twist on FX. Motion L.

VAULT - none

BARS

Uneven Bars: Weiler Kip clarification

In the new *JO Code of Points*, page 69, #8 Weiler kip description, add the word “Ideally” at the beginning of the sentence to read “Ideally the Weiler kip should be performed in a reverse grip (undergrip), starting from a near handstand position.” NTC

Page 110. For elements #3.207, 3.407, and 3.508, delete the words “from near handstand.” NTC

Uneven Bar Concerns

Recommendation that no other substance besides chalk and water may be placed on the uneven bar rails.

Unanimously passed NTC-NJOC

Recommendation to change the uneven bar skill description on page 126 in the *JO Code of Points* - skill #7.504. Change the phrase “From near handstand on high bar” & to “Stoop in to Adler seat (pike) forward to circle...”. Unanimously approved NTC-NJOC

Clarifications:

For # 7.504, add “also with ½ turn (180°) turn”. There is no deduction for re-positioning hands. NTC-NJOC

BEAM

Beam Clarification: If the gymnast performs an isolated split jump (B), then later in the routine performs a split jump connected to a split jump with ¼ turn, the split jump ¼ would receive NO value part credit since a ¼ turn does not make an element different and therefore, the gymnast is missing the compositional requirement of a dance series (applies to Level 8-10). NTC

New elements submitted and successfully performed at the 2013 JO Nationals and NIT:

Tsukahara dismount in a pike position (Keck) #9.303 = C Value - Passed unanimously NTC-NJOC

FLOOR

New elements submitted and successfully performed at the 2013 JO Nationals and NIT:

From backward take-off – stretch jump with 1½ (270°) twist to hecht roll (Arabian dive roll with 1/1 twist) (Esslinger) #4.301 = C Value – Passed unanimously NTC-NJOC