



**USA GYMNASTICS®**

**GYMNASTICS FOR ALL**

**Junior Olympic Acrobatics and Tumbling  
Rules & Policies**

**Errata  
2016-2019**

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All line items below are effective as of the date listed on the right column and do take precedence over any other previous version of each respective line item.

| TOPIC                        | LOCATION  | CHANGE DESCRIPTION   | EFFECTIVE DATE |
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| <b>Coaches Conduct</b>       | New Addition  | Refer to the Code of Ethical Conduct.<br><a href="https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/code_of_ethics.html">https://usagym.org/pages/aboutus/pages/code_of_ethics.html</a>   | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Hierarchy</b>             | New Addition  | It is important for everyone to understand the reference for any rule is first and foremost the written R&P. Any discrepancy with any auxiliary forms or any other format shall be resolved with what is written in the R&P itself.  | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Counting</b>              | New Addition  | The designated Counter in each heat (Acro, Pyramid, Toss & Tumbling) shall count as follows to the end of the required counts.<br>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8.<br>2,2,3,4,5,6,7,8.<br>3,2,3,4,5,6,7,8. Etc<br><b>There will be a 0.3 Head Judge deduction for each incident where an incorrect amount of count sets for the heat are used.</b>   | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Coaches designation</b>   | New Addition  | <b>There will be a 1.0 Head Judge deduction for each incident where a coach designates something different from what the squad performs.</b>   | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Division Change</b>       | New Addition  | All squads must compete in a sanctioned USA Gymnastics event during the regular season to be eligible to compete at the National Championships with each division respectively (Youth, Junior, or Senior). It is not possible to compete in a different level at Nationals than what has been qualified for during the regular season. In other words, no changing levels at nationals.  | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Subdividing Divisions</b> | New Addition  | Age divisions <u>may</u> be added for a specific competition at the discretion of the Meet Director, in conjunction with the GfA National Technical Director. Proper notification will be given to all participating clubs prior to march in.  | 12/01/218      |
| <b>Coaches Spotting</b>      | Article XIV. (b)  | It is highly recommended Coaches spot on the side opposite the judges, so they do not block the view. If the Execution Judge determines spotting Coach is blocking execution performance; <b>up to 0.3 will be deducted per incident.</b> If there is any concern about this rule, Coaches should ask for exception prior to competition beginning or a specific event if injury/safety is a factor.   | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Junior Floor Exercise</b> | Floor Content Chart   | Change Junior floor chart from 15 stunting elements to 10 to be consistent with text and required point value.   | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Event Form Submission</b> | Event Form/<br>Article III. Scoring Principles/<br>Section 4.01 (c) | ALL completed and readable mandatory Event Forms & Tarif Sheet (per division) are required to be submitted via email to the National Technical Committee Chair 5 days prior to the day of competition. Currently, this person is Don Spencer ( <a href="mailto:gficoach@msn.com">gficoach@msn.com</a> ). <b>A 0.3 overall deduction will be applied per day overdue for up to a 1.5 deduction.</b> The Chair will distribute the forms to the assigned judges. | 12/01/18       |
| <b>Senior Event Form</b>     | Event Form  | Senior teams must enter skill value next to elements when submitting Event Forms. Forms will be rejected by National Technical Committee Chair until filled out properly. <b>Squads are not allowed to compete until properly and completely filled out forms are submitted.</b>   | 12/01/218      |

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| <b>Bonus Correction</b>           | Article XII (e) / Junior Division / Running Tumbling | Min 5 athletes, <b>bonus 0.3 for each additional athlete "pass"</b> . So, bonus is for additional passes not athletes.             | 12/01/18 |
| <b>Balance / Pyramid Criteria</b> | Article VIII Starting point diagram                  | By rule: "one pyramid comprised of 2 groups". Therefore, the starting point diagram is incorrect in showing two separate pyramids. | 12/01/18 |
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