General Information

Q: Who is the NCAA Rules Interpreter?

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Q: May I submit my rules questions by voice mail or text message?

A: No. Please submit rules questions by electronic mail only. Please provide your name, institution and if a judge your name and region to the email.

Q: Where can I locate the updated 2017 & 2018 NCAA Gymnastics Rules Modifications


Q: If a coach is given verbal warning on technical cues and then gives another technical clue after the first warning where will the .20 deduction apply?

A: The deduction will be taken from the student-athlete’s average score on that event. Refer to USAG JO Code of Points; General Information; Chapter 1. II; Duties and Responsibilities of the Meet Officials; Chief Judge; k.

Q: Is it permissible for an NCAA gymnastics college coach to bring in a judge to judge routines after January 1st?

A: Yes. Refer to NCAA Interpretation; Involvement of Judges in Practice Activities in Diving, Equestrian and Gymnastics; Division 1. Date Issued; November 11, 2009; Date Published December 18, 2009. Interpretation: The academic and membership affairs staff determined that in diving, equestrian and gymnastics (sports in which competition is judged), an institution may allow a judge to observe institutional practice sessions and display event scores without including the individual in the institution's coaching limitations in the applicable sport, provided the individual does not interact with student-athletes and does not provide any analysis to coaching staff members.

[References: NCAA Bylaws 11.7.1.1.1 (countable coach) and 11.7.1.1.1.4 (use of outside consultants); and an official interpretation (February 11, 1993, Item No. 9)
Uneven Bars

Q: What is the bonus combination for the following combination: Tkatchev # 4.405, “D” to straddle back to horizontal # 2.205 “B”? 

A: +.10 for “D”. Refer to USAG JO Code of Points; Uneven Bars; Chapter 4; Bonus; II. A. C+D or D +C; 5.

Balance Beam

Q: If a student-athlete performs a salto sideward in tuck position (D) and a side aerial (D) will she receive credit for two different D skills? 

A: Yes. Refer to USAG JO Code of Points; Balance Beam Elements; Group 7- 7.403; “D” and Group 8-8.402; “D”.

Floor Exercise

Q: If a student-athlete performs a C +C dance combination but the series is considered broken and has no other dance bonus (D or another connection) will she receive the flat .10 deduction? 

A: Yes. Refer to 2017 & 2018 NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Rules Modifications; Floor Exercise; 5.2. a.1 and USAG JO Code of Points; General Information; Chapter 3; V. Bonus; A. Connection Value; 4.