

NAWGJ – GUIDE TO CHANGES (GTC) for DP COMPULSORY JUDGING (2021-2029)

USAG – RULES & POLICIES – USA Gymnastics Women's Program Rules and Policies	
Updated (1-06-2023) – 2022 2023 w rulespolicies.pdf (usagym.org)	
Chapter 11 – Apparatus Specifications Updated (09-23-2022) – Microsoft Word - 019 Apparatus Requirements 9.23.22.docx (usagym.org)	
NTC Minutes, May 16-17, 2022	
R&P Chapter # 1 Judges Resp. Page 21, D. 5.	Clarification regarding judges' use of electronic devices to record their scoring worksheets. "Judges must turn off messages, email notifications, etc. by switching their device to airplane mode.
R&P Chapter # 1 Athletes' Rights Page 17,B.10.a.3)	Allow ankle length tights to be worn under OR over the leotard in competition.
R&P Chapter # 5 Meet Officials - Affiliation Page 34, II, A. b.	Clarification: a judge who critiques or coaches more than once a month on a regular basis at a specific gymnastics club is considered affiliated with that gymnastics club. Judges must make assigners aware of their affiliation.
R&P Chapter # 5 Meet Officials - Compensation Page 45. B.1. a., d.	Clarification regarding when a meet is considered complete. "End of the day is determined when all scores are final, and all score inquiries are settled."
R&P 2022-2023 Updated Sept. 2022	
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 42, B.1.	Judges are not required to carpool.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 42, B.2.	Should the IRS make a rate change during the year, the new rate will be posted with an effective date.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 43, C.2.	The form of accommodation (double occupancy vs. single occupancy) must be specified in the judge's contract.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 43, C.2.	If necessary to share the cost of the room with the Meet Director, the judge will pay no more than the difference between the actual cost of the room and the standard national IRS rate for overnight accommodation.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 43, C.3.	Meet Directors are strongly recommended to provide single room accommodations when a hotel stay is required, at no additional cost to the judge.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 43, D.3. b.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For a judge traveling by air, meals that occur while the judge is traveling to and from the competition, a per meal per diem may be requested. 2) For a judge traveling by ground and travel time is more than 3 hours or 150 miles one way, a \$20.00 per diem may be requested. 3) For a judge traveling less than 3 hours or under 150 miles one way, there is no per diem request.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 44, A.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The daily number of paid hours is calculated from the report time to the end time of the meet. 3. For meets with 3 or more sessions PER DAY, it is recommended that judges are to be provided a minimum of a 30-minute break time.

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R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 45, C.1.	A judge serving as Meet Referee OR Chief Judge shall receive \$10.00 per day at the following USA Gymnastics competitions: d. Sanctioned local / sectional meets where the Meet Referee also serves as the Chief Judge. e. Dual compensation (total of \$20/day) is given if the Meet Referee also serves as a Chief Judge at all Regional and above meets and State meets with four-judge panels.
R&P Chapter # 5 Compensation Pg 45, C.2.	Chief Judge OR Meet Referee payment (\$10) is NOT paid at: a. State meets with two-judge panels with a separate Meet Referee (non-judging). b. Local / sectional meets with a separate Meet Referee (non-judging). c. Local / sectional meets with one-judge panels , such as intrasquad meets, or meets with less than four events running concurrently
R&P Chapter # 9 Meet Format Pg 94, B.3.	e. For meets with multiple sessions PER DAY, it is recommended (not required) that judges are to be provided a 30-minute break time.
R&P Chapter # 9 Music Regulations Music Failure Pg 106, 2.	a. The gymnast may continue her routine. Upon completion of the routine, gymnast and coach must decide whether to resume from point of music failure or accept the score that is given. The judges will post no score until that decision is made. No deduction would be taken for the absence of music if the decision is to accept score.
R&P Chapter # 9 Music Regulations Music Failure Pg 106, 2.	b. The gymnast may stop her performance immediately and request permission from the Chief Judge to continue from the point of interruption/ music failure . Once permission is granted, after a reasonable amount of rest time, the gymnast may perform from point of interruption or the series / combination when music failure occurred . No score would be given for a partial routine, all deductions prior to the equipment/music failure will still be applied.
USAG WTC – October 1, 2022 – Chapter #11 – APPARATUS SPECIFICATIONS	
R&P Chapter #11: Apparatus (NEW CHAPTER)	All apparatus requirements for both the Xcel and Development Programs will be joined together in a new Women’s Program Rules & Policies (R&P) chapter for the 2022-2023 season and beyond. Unless a specific deduction applies, apparatus requirements have been removed from the Dev Code of Points and will be reflected in this new chapter.
R&P Chapter # 11 Apparatus Page 122, I.H.	If an athlete falls due to equipment failure , judging will resume at the point of interruption or the series / combination when equipment failure occurred.
R&P Chapter # 11 Apparatus Page 123, II.D.	Chalk markings are ALLOWED to be placed on landing mats as a visual cue. All markings MUST be removed after the athlete completes competition on that event.
R&P Chapter 11 Apparatus Specifications Page 131, XIII, F.	Beam matting: If available (not required): maximum of 9 inches using Sting mats, 4-inch throw and / or 8-inch skill cushions may be placed on top of allowable CLM’s in ALL matted areas (under the Beam and / or dismount area.)
R&P Chapter 11 Apparatus Page 133, XV, F.	Clarification: 2 mats of the Floor Exercise area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is acceptable to have both mats on separate ends of a diagonal. <u>Example:</u> an athlete begins her tumbling pass by running over a sting mat, then performs her tumbling pass and lands on a 4-inch throw mat on the opposite end of the diagonal. • If sting mat is placed on TOP of the skill cushion/throw mat, it does <u>NOT</u> count as one of the 2 allowable mats on the Floor Exercise at any one point in time.
R&P Chapter # 5 Meet Officials Page 34	A judge who receives financial compensation for critiquing or coaching more than once a month on a regular basis at a specific gymnastics club is considered affiliated with that gymnastics club. Judges must make assigners aware of affiliation.

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NTC Minutes, November 3-6, 2022	
R&P Chapter #1 Attire Page 17, B.10.b.	Update the “ racerback ” type of leotard will receive an additional year grace period to allow clubs to establish compliance. All other leotards that meet the description of backless will be subject to a 0.20 attire deduction
JOINT NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 15, 2023	
R&P Chapter page??	Coaches and Judges shall NOT wear Earbuds / EarPods while on the field of play. Athletes may NOT wear Earbuds / EarPods while competing.
R&P Chapter page??	Uneven Bars – chalk or water may <u>not</u> be added to the rails or mats once the exercise has begun / while on the competitive equipment.
R&P Chapter page??	A Meet Referee may watch a video (if available) prior to the submission of an inquiry to determine if that inquiry should move forward
NDPC Minutes, May 15, 2023	
R&P Chapter page??	Allow Level 4 athletes the ability to move directly to Level 6 by obtaining a minimum All-Around score of 36.00 at two separate USA Gymnastics sanctioned Level 4 competitions. Scores may be used starting with the results from the 2022-2023 competition season. Tracking these results will be determined by each State Administrative Committee.
R&P Chapter # 11 Apparatus page??	Additional warm-up and spotting equipment may be brought to a USA Gymnastics sanctioned competition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exception: members may NOT bring their own alternate skill cushion or “pit pillow”. • Additional equipment is NOT required to remain at any specified event, and • MUST be manufactured by a recognized equipment manufacturer.
R&P Chapter # 11 Apparatus Vault page??	Remove the allowance of a small “junior board” / preschool type board (35-5/8"x23-5/8"x9-1/2") for all Development Program levels, including removing all instances of the word “junior board” from the Women’s R&P and Women’s Program Code of Points. Level 1 – 3 may use an alternative (trampoline-type) springboard (required at competitions).
R&P Chapter # 11 Apparatus Bar Apparatus Beam page??	Uneven Bars and Balance Beam apparatus set up over a loose foam pit is NOT ALLOWED FOR COMPETITIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless the entire area (mount / dismount) is covered by a stable (wooden or metal) surface. • Exception – set up over a Resi pit is allowable if the landing surface is deemed firm by the Meet Referee and Meet Director prior to competition. <p>All competition matting specifications must be met, when utilizing either of these options.</p>

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DEV COMPULSORY – GENERAL			
JOINT – NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 16, 2022			
Compulsory Book Timing Falls PEN-16	TIMING PROCEDURE VAULT	Clarification on Fall Timing:	Fall time (45 seconds) begins when the gymnast is on her feet: IF an injury occurs, fall time begins once medical assessment is complete.
Compulsory Book page??	VAULT ALL LEVELS	Chalk Markings On Landing Mats	Allow chalk markings to be placed on landing mats as a visual cue. Any markings must immediately be removed after the athlete completes competition on that event
Compulsory Book Timing Falls PEN-17	TIMING PROCEDURE BARS & BEAM	Clarification on Fall Timing:	Fall time (45 seconds) begins when the gymnast is on her feet: IF an injury occurs, fall time begins once medical assessment is complete.
Compulsory Book page??	BARS & BEAM ALL LEVELS	Chalk Marking On Landing Mats	Allow chalk markings to be placed on landing mats as a visual cue. Any markings must immediately be removed after the athlete completes competition on that event
Compulsory Book page??	BARS & BEAM ALL LEVELS	Equipment Failure	If an athlete falls due to equipment failure, judging will resume at the point of interruption or the series/combination when equipment failure occurred.
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Compulsory Book page??	Vault, UB/BB Dismounts and BB/FX Acro elements	Landing with Squat	Squat on landing (hips lower than knees – up to 0.30) for landing positions on Vault, UB/BB dismounts, and BB/FX Acro elements
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Compulsory Book Penalties-General Chief Judge-Attire page??	Allow shorts to be worn over OR under the leotard.		

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DEV COMPULSORY VAULT – GENERAL			
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Compulsory General Info PEN-16	TIMING PROCEDURE: VAULT	Clarification on Fall Timing:	Fall time (45 seconds) begins when the gymnast is on her feet: IF an injury occurs, fall time begins once medical assessment is complete.
Compulsory General Info page??	VAULT ALL LEVELS	Chalk Markings On Landing Mats	Allow chalk markings to be placed on landing mats as a visual cue. Any markings must immediately be removed after the athlete completes competition on that event
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DEV COMPULSORY VAULT – LEVEL 1			

DEV COMPULSORY VAULT – LEVEL 2			

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DEV COMPULSORY BARS – GENERAL			
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Compulsory BARS page??	BARS ALL LEVELS	Chief Judge Deductions	No deduction for Coach standing between the Bars throughout exercise.
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DEV COMPULSORY BARS – LEVEL 2			

DEV COMPULSORY BARS – LEVEL 3			
JOINT – NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 16, 2022			
L3 BARS BARS-6	DISMOUNT	Revise the Level 3 dismount as a squat-on OR pike-on, jump off.	

DEV COMPULSORY BARS – LEVEL 4			

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DEV COMPULSORY BARS – LEVEL 5			
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L5 Bars page??	BARS Elements	Level 5 Dismount	Allow two (2) options for the Level 5 Uneven Bar dismount; an athlete can perform the current Level 5 dismount of a flyaway, allowing a 10.0 Start Value (SV), or they can perform the Level 4 dismount of TAP SWING FORWARD WITH ½ (180 degree) TURN, only allowing a 9.5 SV.

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Compulsory BEAM-GENERAL PEN-17	TIMING PROCEDURE: BEAM	Clarification on Fall Timing:	Fall time (45 seconds) begins when the gymnast is on her feet: IF an injury occurs, fall time begins once medical assessment is complete.
Compulsory BEAM-GENERAL page??	BEAM ALL LEVELS	Chalk Marking On Landing Mats	Allow chalk markings to be placed on landing mats as a visual cue. Any markings must immediately be removed after the athlete completes competition on that event
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DEV COMPULSORY FLOOR – LEVEL 1			
JOINT NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 15, 2023			
Compulsory BEAM-Elements page??	Backward Roll	Added Pike Position	Allow either a tuck or pike entrance into the backward roll progressions in the Level 1-5 Compulsory Floor Exercises. Also, amend the text to describe the option of a pike entrance and change the wording for the 0.30 deduction for “hands placed on the floor during the squat phase prior to rolling backward” to “hands placed on floor during the “sit” phase prior to rolling backward.”

DEV COMPULSORY FLOOR – LEVEL 2			
JOINT NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 15, 2023			
Compulsory BEAM-Elements page??	Backward Roll	Added Pike Position	Allow either a tuck or pike entrance into the backward roll progressions in the Level 1-5 Compulsory Floor Exercises. Also, amend the text to describe the option of a pike entrance and change the wording for the 0.30 deduction for “hands placed on the floor during the squat phase prior to rolling backward” to “hands placed on floor during the “sit” phase prior to rolling backward.”

DEV COMPULSORY FLOOR – LEVEL 3			
JOINT NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 15, 2023			
Compulsory BEAM-Elements page??	Backward Roll	Added Pike Position	Allow either a tuck or pike entrance into the backward roll progressions in the Level 1-5 Compulsory Floor Exercises. Also, amend the text to describe the option of a pike entrance and change the wording for the 0.30 deduction for “hands placed on the floor during the squat phase prior to rolling backward” to “hands placed on floor during the “sit” phase prior to rolling backward.”

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DEV COMPULSORY FLOOR – LEVEL 4			
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Compulsory BEAM-Elements page??	Backward Roll	Added Pike Position	Allow either a tuck or pike entrance into the backward roll progressions in the Level 1-5 Compulsory Floor Exercises. Also, amend the text to describe the option of a pike entrance and change the wording for the 0.30 deduction for “hands placed on the floor during the squat phase prior to rolling backward” to “hands placed on floor during the “sit” phase prior to rolling backward.”

DEV COMPULSORY FLOOR – LEVEL 5			
JOINT NTC & NDPC Minutes, May 15, 2023			
Compulsory BEAM-Elements page??	Backward Roll	Added Pike Position	Allow either a tuck or pike entrance into the backward roll progressions in the Level 1-5 Compulsory Floor Exercises. Also, amend the text to describe the option of a pike entrance and change the wording for the 0.30 deduction for “hands placed on the floor during the squat phase prior to rolling backward” to “hands placed on floor during the “sit” phase prior to rolling backward.”