

6.2 – Equipment Penalties (TND) Team Neutral Deductions

<p><b>a.</b> All equipment <b>must be used as intended</b> by the manufacturer.  <u>Examples of misuse:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• springboard on top of the vault table,</li> <li>• scratching marks into the beam,</li> <li>• using mats while folded improperly, or</li> <li>• other improper use that may damage equipment.</li> </ul> <p><b>-0.2 TND may be incurred for improper use of equipment per manufacturing specifications.</b></p>	<p><b>e.</b> No more than <b>two supplemental mats are permitted</b> on the <b>Floor Exercise at one time.</b>                  Only <b>one sting mat</b> or <b>4-inch supplemental mat</b> may be used per tumbling pass/leap combination (i.e. a gymnast may <u>not</u> punch off one mat and land on another).  <b>Sting mat</b> may be placed on top of or under a <b>4-inch mat</b>, and these stacked mats count as the <b>two supplemental mats</b> permitted on the Floor Exercise at one time.                  Two sting mats cannot be stacked.  <b>-0.2 TND (each time) Incorrect use of supplemental mats.</b></p>
<p><b>b.</b> <b>Foreign substances</b> may NOT be placed on the <b>hands and/or feet</b> of the gymnasts or any piece of <b>equipment</b> (honey and sugar, tuff skin, etc.).                  Water, Chalk, AAI solutions and AAI hand Tac/10 towels are the only acceptable substances.  <b>-0.2 TND (one-time) use of foreign substances.</b></p>	<p><b>f.</b> <b>Equipment Penalties</b> on the applicable event:  <b>-0.2 TND (each time).</b></p>
<p><b>c.</b> Failure to correctly apply the <b>Vault landing lines</b> on the top landing mat surface (2.8 Rules Modifications).  <b>-0.2 TND (each time) fail to apply VT lines correctly.</b></p>	<p><b>1.</b> Incorrect use of <b>tape/chalk</b> on equipment, to include:</p>
<p><b>d.</b> If a <b>supplemental mat used on floor exercise</b> exceeds the boundary lines, the mat must be clearly marked with tape (not chalk) to indicate the actual boundary lines.  <b>-0.2 TND (each time) failure to correctly mark the line.</b>                  If the <b>supplemental mat is relocated</b> during the routine so that the boundary lines taped on the mat are <b>no longer aligned</b> with the floor exercise boundary lines, and it is used by the athlete during the routine in this configuration,  <b>-0.2 TND (each time) failure to align the lines.</b></p>	<p><b>a.</b> <b>chalk on Vault runway</b> (tape/Velcro allowed).</p>
<p><b>1.</b> Coach <b>allowed to step within the boundaries</b> of the <b>Floor Exercise</b> to place, adjust or remove a supplemental mat, or to remove any object which may impede or endanger the athlete. <b>No deduction.</b></p>	<p><b>b.</b> <b>tape on Beam.</b></p>
	<p><b>c.</b> <b>tape or Velcro</b> within the boundary lines on <b>FX.</b> (small tape on corners of two-tone carpet allowed).</p>
	<p><b>d.</b> <b>tape on the hand placement mat</b> (RO pad) <b>VT.</b></p>
	<p><b>2.</b> Use of <b>unauthorized supplemental mats.</b>  <b>10” total matting</b> on landing mat is permitted.                  Maximum stack on <b>VT, UB, BB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two 4-inch landing mats + 1-2 inch sting mat, OR</li> <li>• 8-inch skill cushion + 1-2 inch sting mat.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>3.</b> Use of <b>hand placement mat</b> for traditional forward approach <b>vaults (VT).</b></p>
	<p><b>4.</b> Use of a <b>springboard on an unauthorized surface</b> (such as an 8-inch skill cushion).</p>
	<p><b>5.</b> Failure to <b>remove the board/mounting apparatus.</b></p>
	<p><b>6.</b> Failure to <b>remove an authorized spotting device.</b> .</p>
	<p><b>7.</b> Using <b>incorrect apparatus specifications</b> (including springboard configuration).</p>