

With Championship meets coming up quickly, here are a few reminders and answers to some questions that have come up:

General Information:

Video Review is different for Dev and Xcel.

- In Dev ,it can only be used to determine if a skill was missed. It is NOT to be used for anything that would require a judgement call. Examples include if a skill was left out, a double full vs a triple full (not to determine the degree of twist), whether release touches the bar or not, etc. It is Not to be used to determine if a series is connected, degree of turn, ora angle of casts, etc.
- Xcel is different. It is allowed to be used for **anything** that affects the SV and can only be done at State Meets and above.

There is NO tape allowed on the hand placement mat, ONLY chalk. There is no chalk allowed on the vault runway, only tape or Velcro for markings.

Optionals

FOR PIROUETTING ON BARS, THE ANGLE ACHIEVED IS WHEN THE SECOND HAND CONTACTS THE BAR.

THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS ABOUT LEVEL 9 BEAM BONUS IF THE GYMNAST DOES A D+B WITH THE D BEING AN AERIAL. COP BEAM-32 STATES FOR LEVEL 9 "C"ELEMENT (OR ALLOWABLE D/E ELEMENT THAT IS AWARDED A "C") MAY BE A SALTO OR AERIAL. THEREFORE IF THE GYMNAST PERFORMS A SIDE AERIAL TO A BACK HANDSPRING, SHE WOULD RECEIVE +0.10 FOR THE D AS WELL AS THE C+B CONNECTION BONUS OF 0.10.

IF A SWITCH LEAP ON FLOOR IS $<135^\circ$ IT WOULD BECOME A VARIATION OF A STRAIGHT JUMP. THERE IS NO "A" STRAIGHT JUMP ON FLOOR SO IT WOULD NOT RECEIVED VP CREDIT.

Xcel

The Xcel eCode has been updated to include appendix sheets. i.e. shorthand, scoresheets, etc.

There are no cast angle deductions in Xcel, only execution. The exception is if a cast is within 10° of the required angle to receive VP credit give VP credit and take a 0.10 deduction.

There is no deduction for amplitude of a Clear hip circle in Xcel GOLD.

A cartwheel, cartwheel can only be a connection in Silver and Bronze if the first one goes through a side position or if the leg swings through. If there is a pivot between them, the series is broken.

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Compulsories:

If a Level 5 performs the Level 4 dismount, the routine starts from a 9.5. The start value does not have to be flashed

The WTC is introducing a Category System for National and USA Brevet Judges. It is important that you review the information regarding these Categories and their requirements on the USA Gymnastics website. It is listed under the Development Program/judges page. It will explain what you need to know for each of the Categories of Leadership, Education and Service to receive credits for a higher category. There is also an FAQ section that is very important.

If you choose to remain a Category 4 National, you do not have to do any more than what you have been doing to be eligible for the National Course.

If you have developed and/or presented any course lectures for State/Regional/Nationals Congresses prior to this year, you must have proof of the lecture and have it approved by the RTCC with a signature on the Leadership form. If it has not been approved, you will not be able to use it toward your category credits.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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