

NEW AS OF NOV 2020: USA Gymnastics announces 'USAG Development Program' as new name for the Junior Olympic Program.

Compulsory Level 1-5 Technical Clarifications		
Nov 2020		
Event	Action	Change
General	Add	Whenever a zero score is one of the counting scores, the allowable score range does not apply
Vault	NEW-For 2020-2021 Season ONLY	The athlete run will NOT be scored for virtual AND in-person events for the 2020-2021 competition season. This will affect the following deductions for the below level(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development Program (DP) Level 1: Only Up to 0.30 – Failure to maintain horizontal speed ○ DP Levels 2 and 3: Both Up to 0.30 – Failure to maintain horizontal speed AND Up to 0.30 – Insufficient acceleration during the run
Bars	Add	<u>0.30</u> Intermediate (Extra Swing) or cast Max <u>0.50</u> -More than one consecutive Extra Swing/Cast after an element
Beam	Clarification	When considering the completion of the CROSS HANDSTAND, the element is "completed" and eligible to receive full credit when the gymnast has stepped down onto the beam with both feet to a closed or lunge position

Xcel Technical Clarifications		
Nov 2020		
Event	Action	Change
General & Vault	Add	Whenever a zero score is one of the counting scores, the allowable score range does not apply
Vault Bronze & Silver	Add	No deduction for tape or chalk mark placed on Mat Stack
Vault Bronze & Silver	Add	No deduction if the coach, in an attempt to assist/spot the gymnast, leans against/bears weight on the Mat Stack
Floor	Add	Concentration Pauses deduction Each <u>0.10</u> - Two (2) seconds or more

USAG Development Program Level 6-10 Technical Clarifications		
Nov 2020		
Event		
General & Vault	Clarification	Whenever a zero score is one of the counting scores, the allowable score range does not apply
Vault Level 6/7 Landing	ADD	↑0.20 Only one (1) foot touches Mat Stack, apply deduction for leg separation only
Vault Level 6/7 Second Flight Phase	Clarification Insufficient Length	When evaluation length, consider size of the Gymnast, type of Vault, where the hands contact the Table, location of the center of mass upon initial contact of Mat Stack , and over trajectory (amplitude) of the 2 nd phase; not the distance from where the Gymnast first makes contact on the Mat Stack in relation to the end of the Vault Table
Vault- Level 6/7	ADD	Arm position when leaving the table will not be evaluated; Arm position optional
Vault	ADD	Coach catching a falling gymnast. Do NOT deduct for the spot. Deduct <u>0.50</u> for the Fall ONLY
Bars	Deletion	Example of Higgins Roll #4.101 Long swing with ½ turn at min of 45 from vertical
Bars	Addition LA turn examples	LA turns examples to L8 and 9 Special Requirements MAY be: Pirouette on the hands, turn in a Flight element, turn from a long hang swing, turn in an under swing with feet on bar and ½ turn
Beam	Update	Series description and Specific Execution Deduction chart Backward Acro Flight series and sideward to Backward Acro flight series Backward Acro Series and sideward to Backward acro series with one or more flight elements
Beam	Clarification	Mount element designation Not Acro- 1.103, 1.203, 1.303. 1.403. 1.106, 1.206 Dance- Add 1.204 & 1.304 Acro- all other mounts
Beam Level 8, 9, 10	Addition	Appendix 15: Acro not up to the competitive level Any acro element performed a 3 rd time and receiving no VP that is used in a direct connection to a Beam dismount element may be used to fulfill the Beam dismount compositional requirement as a connection Do not apply the <u>0.10</u> deduction for performing an isolated dismount element
Beam L6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Clarification	SR#2 One leap or jump that requires 180° Cross of Side Split <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieving less than 135° will be awarded "A" value part credit Will NOT be eligible to fulfill SR Deduction ↑ 0.20 applied for insufficient leg separation
Floor L8, 9, 10	Addition	SR#4 Last Salto initiated but does not land of bottom of feet first <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No VP credit awarded Deduct <u>0.50</u> from SV for missing SR#4 Deduct <u>0.50</u> for the fall Deduct <u>0.50</u> from the SV form more than one restricted Element (L8/9) if applicable DO NOT deduct <u>0.30</u> for no dismount
Floor	Clarification	Concentration Pauses deduction Two (2) seconds or more prior to difficult elements or acro series

