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TO: Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators, Head Women's Gymnastics Coaches of Institutions that Sponsor Women's Gymnastics and Women's Gymnastics Judges.

FROM: Christie Purks, chair, NCAA Women's Gymnastics Committee.

SUBJECT: Championship Announcements and Rules Clarifications.

The following information further clarifies specific items that were referenced earlier this fall regarding the 2007 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships and 2007 NCAA Rules Modifications. **Please note that no rules have been changed. The 2007 NCAA Rules Modifications can be accessed at [http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/champadmin/gymnastics/Womens/2007\\_NCAA\\_RULES\\_MODIFICATIONS-WGYM.pdf](http://www1.ncaa.org/membership/champadmin/gymnastics/Womens/2007_NCAA_RULES_MODIFICATIONS-WGYM.pdf)**

**A. RULES CLARIFICATIONS.**

**1. 3.2 Uneven bar specific compositional deductions.**

- f. Choice of elements not up to the competitive level .....flat .10
1. Choice of elements up to the "competitive level" will now be defined by the following basic standards:
    - A release sequence (minimum C+C+D in any order or D+D)
    - OR a pirouetting sequence (minimum C+C+D in any order or D+D)
    - OR a combination of releases & pirouette (minimum C+C+D in any order or D+D)
    - OR a dismount sequence (minimum C+C+D in any order or a D+D)
    - OR a minimum two "D" releases

Exercise must have minimum of a "D" release as part of, or in addition to, the above.

**CLARIFICATION: Only one skill in the combination has to contain a turn or release to fulfill the requirement.**

**2. Value of a stalder.**

The value of the stalder was inadvertently left out of the 2007 Rules Modification document.

**CLARIFICATION: A stalder (forward or backward), straddled or in-bar, to handstand with or without a ½ turn = D**

**CLARIFICATION: A stalder (forward or backward), straddled or in-bar, to handstand with a 1/1 turn = E**

**3. JO skill change made in the middle of the season.**

The rules modification document states: "If the value of a skill (JO) on events other than vault is raised after 11/1/06, it will be effective immediately."

**4. Application of compositional deductions for all events.**

"All rules and guidelines for execution and compositional deductions as applied to the USAG-JO program (Level 10) will be used with the following collegiate modifications/clarifications." The rules modification document lists the NCAA Special Requirements and Compositional Deductions **in total, rather than in addition to, the JO Requirements**. No other Special Requirements or Compositional Deductions are applicable to NCAA competition unless listed in the NCAA document. In all other cases the deductions/values modify, supplement or replace the specific JO rules.

**CLARIFICATION: The meaning of this statement refers judges to the NCAA document which lists only the deductions that should be applied at NCAA meets. Judges should use only the compositional deductions listed in the collegiate rules. It is not meant that both sets of (JO and NCAA) compositional deductions are to be applied.**

**Example:**

Floor Exercise: There is no full turn requirement for NCAA. This composition requirement is NOT included in the collegiate modification list because it is NOT applicable. It is not a special requirement and it is not listed as a compositional deduction in the NCAA modifications. There is a special requirement of a dance series with a minimum of two (2) elements (leaps, jumps, hops, or turns) one element valued at a "C" or higher. A turn MAY be included in the dance series.

In regard to execution deductions, skill values, bonus and connective values, the JO rules act as the foundation document but are **SUPERCEDED** by the collegiate rules. In other words, any skills that are valued differently or bonus rules that differ for collegiate gymnastics are listed in the collegiate modifications document and overrule the information in the JO document. There are specific skills listed in the NCAA rules modifications that have different values than in the JO program.

5. **Video Review**

The video review must be conducted in real time. The video footage cannot be viewed in slow motion for review by any members of the review panel.

**B. SCHEDULE OF MEETS.**

**Coaches are reminded to submit the attached schedule of meet form to their Regional Advisory Chair by January 1, 2007.**

**C. OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS CHANGES.**

1. **Selection of Individual Event Specialists**

Effective with the 2007 season, in years when there are not a sufficient number of all-around competitors qualifying for the regional championships, the allocated slots would be filled with individual event specialists with the next highest score and who have achieved the minimum RQS. The additional event specialists would compete within their region.

2. **Selection of the Top 36 Teams**

Effective with the 2008 season, the top 36 teams based on the RQS will be selected to the championship. The top 18 teams will be seeded, and from there regional competition spots will be filled in order of regional qualifying scores. Teams will be kept within their own region as much as possible, and shifts to the next closest region will be made according to their RQS. Regional hosts will remain in their respective regions.

Additional information regarding the women's gymnastics championships will be sent to member institutions in January 2007. Thank you for your attention to these matters and best of luck to each team this season. Happy holidays!

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