



THSGCA Update #1

Date: March 23, 2010  
To: THSGCA Boys Team Coaches  
From: Kevin Muenz, Vice President for Men  
Re: Rules update #1 for the 2010 season

### **For immediate implementation**

The THSGCA Games Committee met by conference call on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 to discuss feedback gathered since the publication of the **Men's Optional Rule document in October, 2009**. All information included in this document will be included in the THSGCA Men's Optional Rule Document. This should be the last rules update before the 2010 State Meet. It is important that coaches and judges refer to this document and the THSGCA Men's Optional Rule Document when researching rules. **Do NOT use the rules contained in the CONSTITUTION until such time that the most current issue (2010) is available.**

### **Qualification Scores to the 2010 State Meet**

Team: 285.00

Event and All Around: Rank order only (Top 10 per event – Top 8 AA)

### **Text Changes, Errata, and Clarifications**

#### **A. Routine Construction Table for Level 9**

Presentation Value Deductions (Small - .1, Medium - .2, Large - .3, Fall - .5)

#### **General Statement Concerning PVD**

Because of the reduced value of Exercise Presentation in the calculation of the optional score, (5.5) it is important that the judge become familiar with the reduced values of each infraction. Almost all exercise presentation errors in the FIG code are listed in chart form as small, medium, large and fall deductions and can easily be converted to the appropriate high school PVD. In general, when the FIG Code of Points uses a numeric amount to define an error, without stating small, medium, large, or fall, it should be converted to the appropriate PVD for high school. These rules will also be applied for: JO updates, and FIG updates.

#### **Exceptions to Presentation Value Deductions**

1. The short routine deduction **will remain at 1.0** for each skill under the required 6 skills.
2. The JO Pommel Horse Handstand Deduction of **up to .5** will remain in effect.

## **B. Bonus Vaults**

1. c. **Change text to read:** There will be no additional optional vault for bonus allowed.

## **C. General Exceptions to the FIG Code of Points**

5. JO Skill Exceptions **ADD:** There is one exception to this rule, on parallel bars, both an FIG value peachbasket and the JO “B” value peach basket may be used in a routine with each counting for difficulty.

Example #4: A gymnast performs both an FIG Peach basket variation and a J.O. Exception Peachbasket with straight arm to any support lower than nominal handstand in the same routine. Both will count for difficulty.

## **D. Event Specific Exceptions to the FIG Code of Points**

### **Pommel Horse**

#### **ADD**

I-9 (b)

scissor fwd with hop swd. from one end to the other end (3/3) **WITH ½ TURN “C” and in the same box as I-9, scissor 3/3 with no turn**

### **Parallel Bars**

4. e. **Change text to read:** There will be no deduction for an empty straight-arm support swing when moving from a value skill to a swing to an FIG Element Group III or IV skill

4. h. **ADD:** There is one exception to this rule, on parallel bars, both an FIG value peachbasket and the JO “B” value peachbasket may be used in a routine with each counting for difficulty.

### **High Bar**

5. g. **ADD:** A jam finishing between Horizontal to 45\* above horizontal will receive an “A” in element group IV.

**REMOVE:** HS: The FIG High Bar jam-dislocate angel interpretation (10/09) will not be enforced by the THSGCA. (10/09 at National Course)

Respectfully Submitted,

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