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2013-14 CIAC GIRLS GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT



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THE GIRLS GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION IS ARRANGED IN NINE (9) SECTIONS

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- **Tournament Team Format** – The top four (4) scoring teams in the divisional meets will qualify to compete in the Open Meet to determine an Open team champion as well as a runner-up team. The top two teams in the Open Meet will represent Connecticut in team competition at the New England Gymnastics Championships.
- **Regular Season Scores** -- All regular season meet scores MUST be entered online no more than 24 hours following the game's completion. It is highly recommended that scores are entered from the site as soon as the game ends.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the "Submit Scores/Forms" option of the "CIAC for Coaches" menu at CIACsports.com, or the "Submit Scores" button in our CIACmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at CIACsports.com or CIACmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper's access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school's athletic director.

- Only individual qualifying girls will be eligible to medal in each event and the all-around as determined under section 6.0 of the tournament packet. Also, the top 20 all-around scorers from the regular season will qualify for the all-around.
- Individuals competing in a non-school meet as unattached may not have their scores count for an outside team.
- December 18, 2013 is the final date for scheduling new meets that will count for tournament.
- **Scrimmages** – Teams must have a minimum of three (3) days of practice prior to scheduling a full team scrimmage. All sports teams will have a minimum of fourteen (14) practice days before the date of the first scheduled competition. Sundays do not count as a day of practice. Saturdays and holidays may be used as practice days unless prohibited by local board policy or the CIAC committee on seasons limitations. An individual athlete must participate in a minimum of ten (10) practices prior to competition unless the athlete has been participating in a sport (for example, a football player in the CIAC championship series that overlaps with a winter sport would not be required to complete ten (10) practices prior to competition).
- **Special Needs Students** – Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any special needs student who could be competing in the contest when his/her disability could impact the individual's performance or the conduct of the competition.
- **CIAC Tournament Site Media Policy** – The CIAC places tremendous value on the role the media plays in promoting and highlighting high school sports. To that purpose CIAC tournament venues and hosts should make every effort to provide a working environment conducive to all media (print, broadcast and internet based) covering our events. The following are **minimum standards**, developed in consultation with the CIAC Media Advisory Committee, which should be provided for working media at all CIAC tournament sites:
 1. A minimum of one hour following the conclusion of post-game interviews to write in the press box, press area or a suitable facility in close proximity to the site of the event (i.e. office, classroom, etc.)
 2. Access to electric power (shared power strip, etc.)
 3. Access to wireless internet service

Site directors should communicate these requirements to any staff person who may be responsible for the administration of the event. If for some reason a site will not be able to provide these items for a contest, a site representative should inform the CIAC in advance and work with the media on-site before the game and work to provide a reasonable solution to the issue. Members of the media who will be covering events are directed to contact the appropriate site as far in advance as possible to inform them they will be at the event and discuss what arrangements will be made for working media at the site.

CIAC TOURNAMENT

- 1.0** **DIVISIONS** – Only institutional members of the Conference may enter this tournament which will be in three (3) divisions – L, M, S.

Divisions will be determined at the seeding meeting in February based upon the top 24 team averages. Enrollment figures of the previous school year will be used (dividing them into three equal groups (divisions)).

2.0 **DATES**

- 2.1 Practice may commence on, but not before, Monday, December 2, 2013.
- 2.2 Competition may commence on, but not before Wednesday, December 18, 2013.
- 2.3 The last date for meets to count for the 2014 CIAC Gymnastics Tournament will be Monday, February 24, 2014.

3.0 **TOURNAMENT DATES**

- 3.1 The **Team Division Championship** tournament will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 (snow date March 2). Dates and times for the three divisions will be announced after the seed meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 – Information will be available on the CIAC web site.

DIVISION L TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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DIVISION M TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

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DIVISION S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Pomperaug High School, Southbury

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- 3.2 The **OPEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP** will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014

New Milford High School

Meet Director: Pat Simon – Jonathan Law High School, Milford
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Coaches Meeting 9:00 a.m. / Warm-up 9:30 a.m. / Competition 10:00 a.m.

3.3 New England Championship – Saturday, March 15, 2014

Site – TBA

4.0 QUALIFYING

- 4.1 To be eligible for consideration for the **Team Divisional Championship**, a team must have participated in a minimum of six (6) meets during the regular season. Only the first two meets with any single full team will count for tournament purposes.
- 4.2 Dual, tri, quad meets shall count. Each score from these meets shall count as ONE SCORE toward championship meet qualification. Do not, for example, count your score from a tri meet two times.
- 4.3 Individual and team scores must be submitted after each meet on the eligibility center or the submit scores/forms option under the CIAC for coaches menu at ciacsports.com or the submit scores button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper's access code, those codes are managed via the online eligibility center and can be retrieved from the school's athletic director. Failure to have all updated scores submitted by February 24 will result in that school being fined \$50.
- 4.4 All meet scores to be considered for team and individual tournament qualification shall have at least one rated official per event. (If more than one event is going on at one time, use at least one rated official at each event.)
- 4.5 Gymnasts, including members of one person teams must have been members of their school team for a minimum of six meets during the regular season to be eligible for participation in the Division Team Championship or in the Individual Open Championship.
- 4.6 Gymnasts who have been approved to participate as one person teams shall only compete for CIAC tournament qualification in CIAC regular season competitions that are scheduled by the "receiving school" with which the one person team gymnast(s) participates. (A receiving school is the school that accepts the approved participation of the "one person" team.) **The final date to apply for one person team status is December 18, 2013.**
- 4.7 **All schools, including one person teams and cooperative teams are responsible for submitting all CIAC information and must ensure supervision by Connecticut certified coaches for their athletes at all meets and tournaments.** One person teams may enter their league championship meet scores under their host team's league championship meet.
- 4.8 Gymnastics teams of CIAC member schools may compete for qualifying purposes with schools in these categories:
 - Schools which are members of CIAC
 - Out-of-state schools which are members of their state association
 - The American School for the Deaf

NOTE: Girl gymnasts on CIAC member school teams are permitted to participate in a maximum of four (4) USGA-sanctioned meets during the course of the interscholastic girls' gymnastics season as unattached participants. (See "unattached" definition in CIAC Handbook.) Requests for permission to participate must be made to the individual gymnast's school principal. CIAC weekly limitations must be observed. Failure to receive permission violates Rule II.E. of the CIAC Code of Eligibility. **School competitions must not be missed in order to compete in a non-school meet.**

5.0 TEAM DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 5.1 Twenty-four school teams are invited to participate in the Team Division Championship. Athletes who are members of one person teams are eligible to qualify for the Open Individual Championship throughout the regular competition season. The Team Division Championship is for school teams with four (4) or more members.
- 5.2 Process used by the committee at the end of season seeding meeting to determine qualifying teams for the Team Division Championship:
- Team averages are listed from highest to lowest, based on the top six (6) team scores achieved during the regular season. **Scores are averaged as follows: the highest score is discarded and the next five highest scores are averaged.**
 - School teams with the top 24 averages are identified.
 - This list is then divided into three divisions of eight (8) schools each, based on enrollment (girls grades 9-12) from the previous year.
- 5.3 During the Team Division Championship the top four (4) scores per apparatus for each team will count toward the team score. Each team may compete a maximum of six (6) gymnasts per event. Competition must be designated prior to the seeding meeting.
- 5.4 The team divisional championship will be run as a team meet with no more than six (6) gymnasts from one school competing as a team at each event.

6.0 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATION – OPEN INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

- 6.1 **Tournament Format** – For 2014, the top 40 girls overall will be accepted into the Open Meet in each of the four competitive events. In the event of a tie for 40th place, those girls tying for the 40th spot will be accepted into the respective individual event. If a girl qualifies in all four events, she will be eligible to medal in the all-around. Also, the top 20 all-around scores during regular season meets will qualify for the all-around competition in the Open Meet.

The top four scoring teams in the divisional meets will qualify to compete in the Open Meet to determine an Open team champion as well as a runner-up team. The top two teams in the Open Meet will represent Connecticut in team competition at the New England Gymnastics Championship.

Only individual qualifying girls will be eligible to medal in each event and the all-around as determined under section 6.0 of the tournament packet.

All gymnasts are required to compete in a minimum of five (5) meets. The average of the best four scores after the highest score is eliminated (per individual/per event, including all-around) achieved during the regular season competition will be used to determine qualification for the Open tournament.

- 6.2 If a gymnast was unable due to an injury to record a minimum of five (5) scores in order to qualify according to the regulations, a request for a “bye” into the Open individual tournament may be submitted for consideration by the CIAC Girls Gymnastics Committee.
- The request must be submitted in writing by the athletic director of the school for which the gymnast competes;
 - The request must be accompanied by medical documentation testifying that the gymnast was unable to compete;
 - The gymnast must have participated in at least three meets;
 - The average of the gymnast’s scores must meet or exceed the qualifying mark;
 - The decision of the Committee is final.

- 6.3 **New England Championships** – The top two (2) scoring teams at the Open tournament and medalists (top six) from the Open tournament will represent Connecticut at the New England Championships.

7.0 **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

- 7.1 **Entry Forms** – All entry forms can be submitted via the online eligibility center or the submit scores/forms option under the CIAC for coaches menu at ciacsports.com by Monday, February 24.

7.2 **ALL SCORES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 24 BY 10:00 P.M.**

Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up meets. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not competing in a scheduled game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC Board of Control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed. Schools not having all updated regular season scores submitted by February 24 will be assessed a \$50 fine.

- ** It is imperative that all entry forms be submitted regardless of state team qualifications or individual qualifications for the purpose of ranking all teams and individuals in the state.

- 7.3 **Entry Fee** -- \$125.00 for each school entering the Team Divisional Championships; and \$15.00 per qualifier/per event for the Open Championship.

If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the “Generate Tournament Invoice” link under the girls gymnastics options in the password protected online eligibility center.

8.0 **EXPENSES / TICKETS**

- 8.1 Charges for admission to tournament games (subject to change depending on the venue)

Children five (5) and under – Free

Senior Citizens (age 65 and older) and Students (grades 1-12) -- \$5.00

Adults (all others not in the above categories -- \$8.00

- 8.2 During the 2014 tournament, the following passes will be honored at all games where an admission is charged.

- a. Principal (or designee) of participating schools
- b. Press Card
- c. CIAC Gymnastics Officials membership card

No other complimentary admissions will be permitted.

- 8.3 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.

9.0 **FORFEITS**

- 9.1 Member schools are required to submit a schedule of gymnastics meets. A forfeit meet shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.

- 9.2 A team shall forfeit a meet or meets if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC Rules of Eligibility.
- 9.3 A team shall forfeit a meet if the meet official declares the meet a forfeit as a result of a National Federation rule violation, or a team refuses to participate after being instructed to do so by the meet official.
- 9.4 Forfeitures will be honored when there is mutual agreement between the principals of the two schools involved in the meet not held. Each principal must submit on the official CIAC Canceled Game/Forfeiture Form his/her decision and it must be received in the CIAC office within 72 hours following the time of the scheduled meet. On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his designee, in consultation with the Chairman of the sports committee affected and the principals of the two school will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.
- 9.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and ratings unless it affects the minimum number of meets required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum meet requirement.

10.0 **PROTESTS**

- 10.1 Each sports committee will establish a protest committee whose purpose will be to adjudicate all protests relating to the operation of the tournament, including the application and administration of tournament regulations. National Federation or CIAC meet rule interpretations and judgments by the meet officials cannot be protested. The Protest Committee for each sport shall consist of the Assistant Executive Director for CIAC, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, an administrator member of the sports committee, the Tournament Director and the Coaches' Chairman on the sport committee. All Protest Committee decisions are appealable to the CIAC Board of Control as provided in the CIAC by-laws.
- 10.2 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and Board of Control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman of the Tournament Committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.
- 10.3 Decisions by Meet Judges – Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the National Federation or CIAC meet rules by the judges during the meet will be considered upon a written inquiry. A \$5.00 fee must accompany the inquiry. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the judges on the inquiry are final. The record of the official scorekeeper at the conclusion of the championship is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific meet rules. Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will render the school liable to disciplinary action by the conference.

11.0 **SUPERVISION / SPORTSMANSHIP**

- 11.1 In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision the CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the site director. DECORUM APPROPRIATE TO GYMNASTICS IS EXPECTED AT ALL CONTESTS.

- 11.2 When a member school's coach is ejected from a meet for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the meet may not continue until the member school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare the entire team disqualified.
- 11.3 Use of tobacco products or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted at a meet. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.

12.0 **TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES**

- 12.1 At the Open Championship and the three Team Divisional Championships four (4) events will be run concurrently, with two judges per event.
- 12.2 Regular Season Meet Guidelines:
- a. Order of events if possible – vault, bars, beam and floor.
 - b. If two events run at once the order is vault and bars; beam and floor.
 - c. Maximum six (6) official gymnasts per event with the top four (4) scores added to determine the team score. Quadrangular meet – maximum six (6) official gymnasts per event, with two events going on at once and four (4) judges.
 - d. Provide ½ hour warm-up time to the competing teams in dual meets and 45 minutes warm-up time in tri and quadrangular meets. Start meets as scheduled.
 - e. HOST SCHOOLS MUST BE CERTAIN THAT ALL EQUIPMENT CONFORMS TO NATIONAL FEDERATION SAFETY STANDARDS. (Consult 2012-14 National Federation Rule Book.)
 - f. A warm-up compete format is recommended.
- 12.3 All meets including tournaments shall be scored and governed by the current National Federation Official High School Girls Gymnastics Rules.
- 12.4 A rotational and timed warm-up will precede each event at the Team Championship and Open competition. Specifics of this rotation and warm-up period will be determined at the coaches meeting prior to the competition.
- 12.5 Awards
- The Team Divisional Championship will award plaques and medals as follows:
 - The first place team will receive a plaque and individual gold medals
 - The second place team will receive a plaque and individual silver medals
 - The third team will receive individual bronze medals
 - The Open Championship will award medals to the top six gymnasts in each event, including the All Around. Additionally, the top two teams will receive plaques.

12.6 CIAC LATE ENTRY POLICY

- No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.
- Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
- All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. **No phone request will be considered.**

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS VIOLATIONS -- If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$50 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

The CIAC Gymnastics Committee 2013-14:

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APPENDIX A

2013-14 CIAC GIRLS GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

All CIAC member schools are to report their 2013-14 schedule for gymnastics on this form via the password-protected online eligibility center. This information will be used to verify petition of entry forms when they are submitted.

APPENDIX B

2013-14 GIRLS GYMNASTICS PETITION FOR NON-CIAC COMPETITION

This form must be submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center not later than Monday, February 24, 2014.

I understand that the above named gymnast may compete in a maximum of four (4) non-CIAC meets and must compete unattached from any team and her score may not be used for team scoring in a non-CIAC meet.

I also understand that the above named gymnast must maintain the CIAC rule of two (2) meets per week with Sunday as the first day of the week and no more than fourteen (14) meets during her high school schedule which starts with the first high school meet. **The four unattached meets are in addition to the 14 regular season meets.**

APPENDIX C

WORKSHEET

2013-14 CIAC GIRLS GYMNASTICS SCORESHEET

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Site _____

Team _____
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Coach Signature	Coach Signature
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Judge Signature	Judge Signature
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2012-14 FHS GIRLS GYMNASTICS RULES CHANGES

- 1 Adds definitions for back-to-back superior, bar change, and high level back-to-back superior and low level back-to-back superior.
- 1 Modifies the definition of balk, direction change, medium, superior, and high superior.
- 1 Changes the name of Bonus High Superior to Advanced High Superior.
- 1 Deletes the definition for combinations and routine.
- 2-2-1b Revises the conditions for repeating an exercise.
- 2-4-11 The meet referee's clerical authority over the contest extends through the completion of any reports including imposing disqualifications which occurred during the meet. State associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents before, during or after the meet referee's jurisdiction has ended or in the event that contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of the meet.
- 3-1-3a Clarifies that matting for the working and landing area shall be a minimum thickness of 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches (12 cm.)
- 3-1-3b Specifies that the maximum matting including a sting mat shall not exceed 19 inches in thickness.
- 4-1-2E, 7-3-5
8-3-5, 9-3-5 Deletes specific Bonus requirements and replaces them with revised requirements.
- 4-4-1, 2 & 3 Specifies that the range shall be determined by the average score.
- 5-1-4 Clarifies the categories for an inquiry.
- 5-1-6a Clarifies when a deduction for exceeding warm-up time or warming-up in the competitive area is taken.
- 5-1-6b Specifies that mathematical errors are an exception to the inquiry process.
- 5-1-6c Deletes the deduction for inquiries involving judgment.
- 6-22-5b new
NOTE 3 Adds a NOTE clarifying that a vault performed without the signal does not count as one of the authorized attempts
- 6-4-2a Adds a deduction for alternate repulsion, up to 0.2, in the repulsion phase.
- 6-5-1 new c Specifies that there is no deduction for the coach standing between the board and vault table on a round-off entry vault.
- 6-5-2g, 7-3-7h
8-3-7h, 9-3-7i Deletes signaling as a deduction.
- 6-5-2h(1) Permits the use of Velcro strips, tape or small chalk marks on the vault runway provided they are removed at the end of the rotation.
- 6-6 Adds new elements to vault: $\frac{1}{2}$ -- $\frac{2}{1}$; $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{4}$ Frons alto; $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ Front salto; RO – FF $\frac{1}{1}$ on – Repulsion off; and RO – FF $\frac{1}{1}$ on – $\frac{1}{2}$ off.

- 6-6-2 (2.207), 6-6-2 (2.301) Changes the value of a $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ vault to 9.0 and clarifies that a $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ vault may end facing toward or away from the vault table.
- 7-3-3a, 8-3-3a, 9-3-3a Changes category name to “variety in choice of elements and connections” in Composition and provides additional guidelines for deductions.
- 7-3-4c(8) Specifies how to deduct for an extra swing.
NOTES 1 and 2
- 7-4 Fig. 1 Revises the Figure to reflect the lack of a deduction from 0°- 10°.
- 7-6 Adds new elements to uneven bars: each type of kip is a different element; hang on HB-uprise backward to clear support on HB, also with $\frac{1}{2}$ turn or with flank vault over HB; clear underswing on LB, release and counter movement forward in flight to hang on HB, facing inward-stalder backward with release and counter movement forward in flight to hang on HB (Ray); underswing (toe-on) with $\frac{1}{2}$ turn to clear support on same bar.
- 8-2-3, 9-2-3 Clarifies the exception regarding using a single element twice to fulfill two series requirements.
- 8-2-5 Clarifies that two medium elements may be awarded superior credit if they are acro elements. Also deletes the word attain.
- 8-6 Adds the following elements to balance beam: switch leg lp/jp 135° w/wo $\frac{1}{4}$; ring/stag-ring lp/jp at waist height; switch leg lp/jp 180°; side split jp 180°; side split jp 180° w/ $\frac{1}{2}$; switch leg lp/jp 180° w/1/4 to side split; switch leg lp/jp 180° w/1/4 to straddle pike; switch leg lp/jp to rink at head height; ring/stag ring lp/jp at head height; forward shoulder roll, backward shoulder roll; jump backward with $\frac{1}{2}$ twist to walkover forward (Onodi).
- 8-6-8 (8.301a) Deletes a series of walkovers forward.
- 9-1-1 Revises required area for placement of the floor exercise mat to specify that the padded competitive area should be centered in an area of 42 feet x 42 feet.
- 9-3-5b Clarifies floor exercise superiors, high superiors and advanced high superiors may be included in one connected pass without being directly connected.
- 9-3-7o new 1 Clarifies that music may have human sounds but no words may be spoken or sung.
- 9-6 Adds the following elements to floor exercise: ring/stag ring lp/jp at waist height; ring/stag ring lp/jp w/wo $\frac{1}{2}$ at head height; ring/stag ring w 1/1 at head height; split jp 180° with 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; lp 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ twist in horizontal to prone (Khorkina); all saltos to prone; a series of saltos, one forward and one backward; a series of altos backward; a series of saltos backward tucked, piked or stretched with 1/1 twist in both saltos; a series of whip saltos backward; from take-off forward or backward from one or both legs- salto sideward tucked, piked or stretched.

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- 2-2-1a(2) Describes chief judge’s responsibility in measuring floor exercise area.
- 3-1-3a-3, 6-1, 7-1, 8-1, 9-1 Reformats all event equipment specifications to an easier to read format.

- 3-3 new Note, 3-3-5, 3-3-8 Clarifies the authority and criteria for the state association to authorize exceptions to the competitive rules to provide a reasonable accommodation to individual participants.
- 6-5-2 new d Clarifies the deduction for failure to use the board safety mat and have a spotter present on the vault.
- 9-6-8, 9-6-9, 9-6 new 10 Element illustrations are rearranged for new elements.

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1, 3 new NOTE, 6-3-4h-o, 6-4-3, 6-4-4h-p, 6-5-1a-f, 7-3-3b, 7-6-8 (8.302), 8-2-3c, 8-3-3b, 8-5b(2), 8-6-1 (1.201), 8-6-11 (11.203a, 11.303a, 11.403a, 11.407), 9-2-3a(1), 9-3-5b, 9-5b(2), 9-6-1, 9-6-8 (8.203, 8.303, 8.403), 9-6-9 (9.202, 9.302, 9.304, 9.402, New 9.204, 9.405), 9-6 new 10 (New 10.201, New 10.301, New 10.401)

2012-14 GIRLS GYMNASTICS POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Extra swings
2. Tap swing
3. Uncharacteristic elements on bars
4. Bar change
5. Handstands on beam and floor
6. Direction of specific elements on beam and floor

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT AND RETURN TO PLAY REQUIREMENTS

“WHEN IN DOUBT – SIT IT OUT”

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury or (TBI), “that changes how the cells in the brain normally work. A concussion is caused by a blow to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. Even a “ding,” “getting your bell rung,” or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. Concussions can also result from a fall or from players colliding with each other or with obstacles, such as a goalpost” (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009).

PART I -- SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION

– A concussion should be suspected if any one or more of the following signs or symptoms are present, or if the coach/evaluator is unsure.

1. Signs of a concussion may include (what the athlete looks like):

- Confusion / disorientation / irritability
- Trouble resting / getting comfortable
- Lack of concentration
- Slow response / drowsiness
- Incoherent / slurred speech
- Slow / clumsy movements
- Loss of consciousness
- Amnesia / memory problems
- Act silly / combative / aggressive
- Repeatedly ask same questions
- Dazed appearance
- Restless / irritable
- Constant attempts to return to play
- Constant motion
- Disproportionate / inappropriate reactions
- Balance problems

2. Symptoms of a concussion may include (what the athlete reports):

- Headache or dizziness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred or double vision
- Over sensitivity to sound / light / touch
- Ringing in ears
- Feeling foggy or groggy

Note: Public Act No. 10-62 requires that a coach MUST immediately remove a student-athlete from participating in any intramural or interscholastic athletic activity who (A) is observed to exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following a suspected blow to the head or body, or (B) is diagnosed with a concussion, regardless of when such concussion or head injury may have occurred.

PART II – RETURN TO PARTICIPATION (RTP)

– Currently, it is impossible to accurately predict how long concussions will last. There must be full recovery before someone is allowed to return to participation. Connecticut Law now requires that no athlete may resume participation until they have received written medical clearance from a licensed health care professional (Physician, Physician Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer) trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

Concussion management requirements:

1. No athlete SHALL return to participation (RTP) on the same day of concussion.
2. Any loss of consciousness, vomiting or seizures the athlete MUST be immediately transported to the hospital.
3. Close observation of an athlete MUST continue following a concussion. This should be monitored for an appropriate amount of time following the injury to ensure that there is no escalation of symptoms.
4. Any athlete with signs or symptoms related to a concussion MUST be evaluated from a licensed health care professional (Physician, Physicians Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Athletic Trainer) trained in the evaluation and management of concussions.

5. The athlete MUST obtain written clearance from one of the licensed health care professionals mentioned above directing them into a well-defined RTP stepped protocol similar to one outlined below. If at any time signs or symptoms should return during the RTP progression the athlete should cease activity*.
6. After the RTP protocol has been successfully administered (no longer exhibits any signs or symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussions), final written medical clearance is required by one of the licensed health care professionals mentioned above for them to fully return to unrestricted participation in practices and competitions.

Medical Clearance RTP Protocol (Recommended one full day between steps)

Rehabilitation stage	Functional exercise at each stage of rehabilitation	Objective of each stage
1. No activity	Complete physical and cognitive rest until asymptomatic. School may need to be modified.	Recovery
2. Light aerobic activity	Walking, swimming or stationary cycling keeping intensity, <70% of maximal exertion; no resistance training	Increase Heart Rate
3. Sport Specific Exercise	Skating drills in ice hockey, running drills in soccer; no head impact activities	Add Movement
4. Non-contact training drills	Progression to more complex training drills, i.e., passing drills in football and ice hockey; may start progressive resistance training	Exercise, coordination and cognitive load
5. Full Contact Practice	Following medical clearance, participate in normal training activities	Restore confidence and assess functional skills by coaching staff

* If at any time symptoms should return during the RTP progression the athlete should stop activity that day. If the athlete's symptoms are gone the next day, s/he may resume the RTP progression at the last step completed in which no symptoms were present. If symptoms return and don't resolve, the athlete should be referred back to their medical provider.

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