Updates and clarifications outlined below will be effective immediately.

- For all USA Track levels (5-10) – if you do not perform the skill on the tariff sheet you do not receive credit for the element on the tariff sheet or the performed skill, and the difficulty is taken away.
  - The skill performed can be used to fulfill a special requirement.
  - For example, if a level 8 WG is supposed to perform a column (on the tariff sheet) but instead performs lunge with top in low handstand, they would not receive credit for the pyramid, but the low handstand could count towards their special requirements.

- What is considered a special requirement?
  - Special requirements are listed at the beginning of each level in the JO Code.
  - An example is that Level 8 WG requires a handstand by the top or middle in one pyramid in the balance exercise.

- What is the deduction if a group does not get credit for a skill at levels 5-8?
  - They would receive no difficulty credit so it would be a -1.0
  - You would not take an additional -1.0 special requirement deduction. The -1.0 comes off the difficulty score only.

- What is the deduction if a group does not get credit for a skill at level 9/11-16?
  - There would be a -1.0 special requirement deduction for missing a row
  - They would lose the difficulty for the element (ex .1,.2,.3)

- What is the deduction if a group does not get credit for a skill at level 10?
  - They would lose the difficulty value of the element (ex V4 or V6)
  - If that skill happens to fulfill a special requirement, that -1.0 would come off the CJP
  - If the skill was not fulfilling a special requirement then they only lose the difficulty value of the element, taken by the DJ

- What happens if a level 9 group does an optional element that is different from the one that is declared on the tariff sheet?
  - They would receive no credit and get a -1.0 for missing an optional element

- What happens if a level 9/11-16 group does a link that is not declared on the tariff sheet?
  - They would receive a -.3 for incorrect tariff sheet.

- Level 9 Mixed Pair Dynamic
  - Effective immediately, the fuse to hands is allowed as an option for ROW 1.

- What is the deduction when the music cuts off in the middle of a routine?
  - There is no deduction taken when the music cuts off in the middle of a routine.
  - If the routine is not started from the beginning with music for any reason (CD won’t play, coach forgot music, etc) then the deduction is -1.0.

Sarah Thomas  
National Junior Committee Chair  
USA Gymnastics