



## WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC OPTIONAL & XCEL PROGRAMS UPDATE- April 2018

1. The current Jr. Olympic Optional Code of Points is in effect through July 31, 2018.
2. New Optional Rules & Code of Points will be effective August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2022.
3. Education on 2018-22 JO & Xcel Optional programs will first be presented at the 2018 Regional and National Congresses.
4. 2018-2022 *Jr. Olympic Code of Points* (& digital version) will be available for sale in mid-April.
5. *Xcel Code of Points* (& digital version) will be available for sale in early June of 2018.

### JR. OLYMPIC OPTIONAL JUDGING ACCREDITATION

1. National & USA Brevet Judge certification:
  - A. USA Brevet/National Judges registered for the 2018 Course will receive a link to the Online Study Materials by April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - B. All Course participants are required to attend one of the nine (9) live Course offerings and take the Written & Practical exam.
  - C. Live Courses-attendance required at:  
For Regions 1,2,3,4,5,7 & 8:  
Saturday: Level 6/7 Vault 4:00-5:00 and Practice Judging 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Exams are approximately from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Sunday morning  
For July-VT location:  
Thursday: Level 6/7 Vault 4:15-5:15 and Practice Judging 6:00 – 9:00 pm.  
Friday: Exams are approximately from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm  
For National Congress-Providence, RI:  
Saturday: Level 6/7 Vault 12:15-1:15 and Practice Judging 3:00 – 6:00 pm.  
Sunday: Exams are approximately from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
2. Level 6-10 Judges certification:
  - A. All current Optional judging ratings are valid until Dec. 31, 2018.
  - B. In order to be eligible for an Optional judging assignment in 2019, the judge must achieve a new Optional rating valid for 2018-2022.
  - C. The first opportunity for judges to test Level 7/8, 9 & 10 will be at the 2018 National Congress in Providence, RI on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - D. In order to test Level 9 or 10, the judge must have held the previous rating a minimum of one year (or within one month of that date).
  - E. Local testing opportunities after National Congress, including at Region 1 and Region 5 Congress, will be posted on:  
[https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging\\_accreditation.html#](https://usagym.org/pages/women/pages/judging_accreditation.html#)
  - F. Judges who achieve a 2018-22 Optional rating in August/September 2018 will be given first priority in assignments to Optional meets in the Fall of 2018.
  - G. Judges who have tested but have not passed both parts (written & practical) will be assigned only if there are not enough judges who have passed the new exam.

### JO COMPULSORY PROGRAM

1. The current Women's Jr. Olympic Compulsory exercises are valid through July 2021. Current Level 4/5 judges' ratings are valid through December 31, 2021.