WOMEN’S JR. OLYMPIC OPTIONAL & XCEL PROGRAMS UPDATE - April 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.
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 13th.
   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 11th.
   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#
   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