



2017-2020 NGJA/NCAA Interpretations Update to the Rules May 10, 2019

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The NCAA has asked the NGJA to provide evaluations for new elements and sequences. The values of these elements are posted in this document.

New elements are submitted throughout the year, so judges will need to refer to this document at NGJA.org on a regular basis to ensure you have the latest interpretations. The interpretations document will identify changes in the following manner:

- *** will indicate when skills have changed or new skills have been evaluated so as to be more easily identified
- When possible, the interpretations will include a digital picture or a link to a video of those skills evaluated on these pages

In Addition, there are specific areas noted in this document that are important for NCAA Judges to be familiar with and are referenced in the 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications document.

All Judges Officiating an NCAA Competition need to review in detail the 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications document.

If you have additional questions on the rules, please [click here](#) to e-mail those to Dean Schott, NGJA NTVP.

The NCAA season will follow the Precedence Order of current version of the following documents:

- FIG Code marked MAG 2017.
- Current MTC Newsletters and FIG MTC FAQ Document
- 2018-19 NGJA/USAG Interpretations Document or current USAG Interpretations
- 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications document
- 2018-19 NGJA/NCAA Interpretation Update
- A link to these documents are available on the NGJA Web Site
- Each Judge should have a copy of these documents with them when judging an NCAA Competition.



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General Information

A.) Stick Bonus:

(Page 3, B - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

- Clarification: Stick Bonus may be received for all valued dismounts, including C, B and A valued dismounts.

B.) Neutral Deductions:

(Page 2, bullet 6 - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

C.) Dismounts Requirements

(Page 3, Item B – 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

D.) Two Minute Warm-Up and Block Style

(Page 4, Item C - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

E.) Injured Gymnast:

(Page 6, Item D - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

F.) No FIG Zero Vault rule:

(Page 4, Item H - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

G.) Other deductions:

- Uniform discrepancies (including jewelry) following a warning = 1.0.
 - o (Page 8, Item B - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)
- Non-compliant matting = 0.5 per violation
 - o (Page 11, Item L - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)
- Unsportsmanlike behavior (including excessive celebration) = 0.5 (individual) and 1.0 (team)
 - o (Page 12, Item F,7 - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

H.) Inquiry / Protest:

(Page 13, Item H - 2017-18 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

I.) The Technical Director may not initiate an inquiry on a score.

(Page 13, Item H, 8 - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

K.) Dark Pants Ruling – NCAA Memorandum dated December 18, 2018

Dark Pants Interpretation

Please note that the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee has issued an interpretation of Rule 8.A.2. regarding competition attire. The rules modification states:

Rule 8.A.2. Official team clothing, including shirts (all team colors accepted) must be worn by participants during warmups as well as in competition. Official team bags should be used to improve the meet appearance.



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The interpretation specifies that dark pants that are in a team's color are permitted during NCAA competition. Specifically, the interpretation clarifies that "official team clothing" includes pants and that "all team colors accepted" refers to "official team clothing." The NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee plans to modify the language to clearly include darks pants for the 2019-20 season.

Event Information

- Skills evaluated in this area have NOT been evaluated by the FIG or past the NCAA Deadline. These skills receive the identified value for NCAA competitions only.

Floor Exercise:

- Floor Exercise Time Duration: (Page 38, Article 10.2.1 3.B – 2018 FIG Code)
- Through the Winter Cup weekend, extra mats up to 10 cm will be allowed for any tumbling skill, for landings only. However, mats may not be moved during the exercise.

Pommel Horse:

- No Entries at this time.

Skills

- **Skill:** Scissor forward with $\frac{1}{2}$ turn and hop sideways from one end to the other (3/3). NCAA Skills Committee – 12/23/18
 - C Value / Element Group I
 - Video Link: <https://youtu.be/rjpyz3LX394>
- **Skill:** On end in side support, Wendeswing fwd w $\frac{1}{2}$ turn to support on Pommels to immediate Reverse Stockli 180 degree turn to end in side support
 - B Value / Element Group III – NCAA Skills Committee 2017/18
 - Video Link: https://youtu.be/_xpPh6UZw7c
- **Skill:** On end, Reverse Russian Wende 270 Degrees / 360 Degrees
 - 180 – 270 Degrees - B Value / Element Group III – NCAA Skills Committee 2017/18
 - 360 Degrees – C Value / Element Group III – NCAA Skills Committee 2017/18
 - Video Link: https://youtu.be/1_gWAb3lIII
 - Skill performed in Video is a B Value (270 degree turn)
 - Counts toward the maximum of 2 Russian Wende Swings that are permitted in an exercise – FIG COP: Page 62, #3, b.
- *****Skill:** Bezugo finishing with both hands on the same pommel and travel to end of horse.
 - Skill in same box as Bezugo (Page 69, Element 83)
 - Can only perform one skill in a routine.
 - Video Link: <https://youtu.be/AjHss2DN5iA>
 - NCAA Skills Committee 2018/19 Season



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Still Rings:

- No Entries at this time.

Vault:

- No FIG Zero Vault rule
 - a. (Page 4, Item H - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

Parallel Bars:

Skills

- No Entries at this time.

High Bar:

- A skill cushion (8" mat) may be used on HB as an additional mat during the routine. If the gymnast falls to the mat during the routine, the penalty will only be the deduction for falling from the apparatus. The use of an 8" skill cushion for dismounts will not be allowed and will result in a 0.5 deduction from the gymnast's score.
 - (Page 10, Item J - 2018-19 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Rules Modifications)

Skills

- **Skill:** Under Grip Giant to Double Hand Roll to EI Grip
 - o B Value – Group I
 - o NCAA Rules Committee, November 2017
- **Skill:** Over Grip Giant to “Cal” Hop to support in Under Grip then immediate roll to Double EI Grip – NCAA Skills Committee 2017/18
 - o Over Grip Giant to “Cal” Hop to support in Under Grip
 - A Value Group I – FIG COP, Page **144**, Box 43
 - o Double Roll to EI Grip from Under Grip
 - B Value Group I
 - NCAA Rules Committee, November 2017
 - Note: No Upgrade possible - Hop Element is considered finished at the moment both hands re-grasp the bar - FIG COP, Page **138**, 3G

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