

2011 USTA Rule Changes

GENERAL

Upon approval of the USTA lawyer, a general USTA liability release waiver is considered “signed” electronically upon obtaining a USTA membership starting 2012-13.

During warm-ups, if an athlete performs a skill from a higher level, the athlete will receive a 2.0 deduction on the 1st pass and will be mandated to the next level at the next competition.

Any club not attending their state meet the previous season, cannot host any meets in the new season. Exception: States that have 100 or less competitors.

Raise coach membership fees to \$20 beginning 2012-13.

Raise the safety certification to \$30 beginning 2012-13.

Require every paid coach member to be safety certified beginning 2011-12.

Beginning 2012-13 Season, all memberships must be applied and paid for on-line

Athletes age 7 or over (except special needs) must receive a number score (not just a “0”) in at least one meet prior to State if they salute at State to qualify for Nationals.

To compete in your home state meet must compete in at least 1 Invitational in your state prior to your home state meet.

Any changes to the calendar must be pre approved/go thru the V.P. who approves all sanctions.

EQUIPMENT

Trampoline Riser Height - all risers must be the same level and be a minimum of 36" high. If using bleachers, all judges must sit at the same level and be at a minimum of 36" high. Recommended for invitationals, Required for State, Team Trials, and Nationals.

Hurricane or ratchet (which must be padded) straps must be used to secure the D-Mini landing mat.

NATIONALS

Nominees for the George Nissen Memorial Award must be a minimum of 15 years old and be made by State Chairs, Executive Board Members, or NTJC Judges.

Our current rule states

A. To be eligible to bid on the U.S.T.A. National Championships- **MUST:**

- 5). Bring a competition team to the following year’s U.S.T.A. Nationals. (Failure to comply will result in not being eligible to host any sanctioned competition the following year).

Change the wording to **MUST:**

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ATHLETE ATTIRE

FOOTWEAR. Shoes, if worn must be - same verbiage as before and add “include no other markings, designs, or decorations other than manufacturer’s logo that is not embellished.”

GENERAL TRAMPOLINE				
OUT-BOUNCE. To be considered an out-bounce, must be an automatic repulsion and go straight up & down (arms must be straight up) or the motion will be counted as instability.				
ADVANCED				
For U.S.T.A. National Championships , there is a difficulty cap for the Advanced competition: Trampoline Prelims - 7.5; Trampoline Finals - 7.5				
ADV/ELITE				
Raise the Trampoline Elite qualifying DD to 7.5 (excluding the 2011-12 Team Trials)				
ELITE				
TRAMPOLINE ELITE COMPULSORY PASS. Repeated skills will receive a 0.5 pt. deduction.				
GENERAL DOUBLE-MINI				
The Superior Judge will be responsible that when a run-up mat is used to mount the double-mini, it lays flat and is not be pushed up under the double-mini onto the legs/mat so that it angles up higher.				
The Superior Judge will make determine the distance and deviation from the center (landing grid) deduction, in addition to the landing/instability deduction.				
The Superior Judge will make penalty decisions (which will negate the need for a penalty judge).				
Double-Mini, landing on a “sting mat” will result in a 0.9 deduction.				
ADVANCED				
For U.S.T.A. National Championships , there will be a difficulty cap for the Advanced competition: Double-mini Prelims - 4.8; Double-Mini Finals - 3.2				
HOUSEKEEPING				
In the handbook, the number of athletes needed to host a meet is different in different places. It should be 10.				
Pg TR-10. Remove “or longer” from 11.1 and 11.2 Correct verbiage appears in DM-10.				
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Trampoline Double-Mini Beginner age-groups. Should be 11&Over, not 11, 12 & Over				