

2017-18 USTA Rules

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#	Rule Proposal
ATHLETE ATTIRE	
1	A gymnastics step-in (without sleeves) with long white, black , or solid team colored trampoline pants which must come from a gymnastics supplier (cannot be sweat material). 2.0 deduction.
GENERAL TRAMPOLINE	
2	Sub-Advanced and above - there be a 0.5 pt. deduction for not turning in the required trampoline competition card before the first athlete of the flight begins their warm up (unless on another event).
3	On trampoline an athlete must perform at least 3 straight jumps prior to initiating their first skill in order to use the elasticity of the bed. 0.5 pt. deduction
GENERAL DOUBLE-MINI	
4	Advanced and above - there be a 0.5 pt. aesthetic deduction for not turning in the required double-mini competition card before the first athlete of the flight begins their warm up (unless on another event).
5	Touching the top of the blue side pad would result in termination (even if the athlete is able to continue the pass), a 0.9 pt. deduction for hitting the side pad, and all other applicable deductions.
MISCELLANEOUS	
6	Require the Universal MasterScorer Program be used for all USTA sanctioned competitions.
8	Athletes will not be allowed to salute at State to qualify for Nationals. If injured or sick, must petition.
9	When it comes time to vote for a team trial/super invitational/all star meet and there is more than one bid, each state has its members vote at Nationals. Then with a vote representing the state membership majority, each state casts one vote determining the bid winner for the final bid/location for the meet.
10	NATIONALS ONLY - can NOT run more than a half hour early.
11	Coaches must be in coaches attire during the open workout at nationals.
12	<p>Create an Age Group Elite Level in all disciplines: Tumbling, Trampoline, & Double-Mini.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletes that met the elite difficulty in an event last competition season will be required to compete in the Age Group Elite Level in that event this season. 2. At Nationals, an athlete can compete in both the Age Group Elite Level and the Elite Level which is an open age group event. 3. All DD would remain the same. If an athlete tries out for the Elite National Team and meets the elite DD, they would have to compete in the Age Group Elite Level after that. <p>Refer to Attachments A, B, & C for each discipline's specifics.</p>

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13	Put a maximum on the Advanced Level Difficulty at 0.1 pt. below the Age Group Elite minimum difficulty. Exceeding the maximum difficulty would result in a 3.0 pt deduction (in place of a mandate) and a 2.0 pt. deduction for exceeding level maximums (to be taken on the last pass). Full difficulty will be awarded as long as legal skills except at Nationals.
14	Include the Advanced and the Age Group Elite level in the Advanced Overall Team Award.
15	Include the Age Group Elite level in the Top Team Awards
16	AT NATIONALS - Advanced level athletes ONLY mandate to Age Group Elite if they exceed the Advanced level maximum difficulty.

CLARIFICATION	
1	Synchronized Trampoline. Age Group Elite and Elite will still compete in the Advanced Level.

ATTACHMENT A -

TUMBLING - AGE GROUP ELITE DIVISION

(Rules to be revisited in one year)

All the General Rules of Tumbling and the Advanced Rules of Tumbling apply to Age Group Elite Tumbling. Only the exceptions or additions will be listed below.

AGE GROUPS - Boys and Girls will not compete against each other. There shall be separate divisions for each.

Girls & Boys Age Groups: 10 & Under; 11 - 12 yrs.; 13 - 14 yrs.; 15 - 16 yrs.; 17 & Over

REQUIREMENTS - Two optional eight (8) skill passes are required. A pass at this level must begin with a run or a hurdle and the completed passes must end in a two foot landing. All completed passes must end with a somersault.

Continuous whips may be repeated without penalty (loss of difficulty) at the Age Group Elite Division if the pass ends in a minimum 720 degree twisting or rotational somi. Failure to end the pass in a minimum 720 degree twisting or rotational somi will result in loss of difficulty for the repeated whips.

Each optional eight (8) skill pass must consist of at least three (3) somersaults. A tumbling pass must move in one direction only; however, *a single skill in the reverse direction from a somi is allowed at the end of a pass.

PRELIMINARIES.

1. The preliminaries will consist of two optional eight (8) skill passes.
 - a. The last skill of the Second Optional Pass must be different than the last skill of the First Optional Pass - failure to perform different skills as defined will result in loss of difficulty for the repeated skill plus a 2.0 pt. deduction for the repeated skill on the second optional pass on the advice of the superior judge.
 - b. Only one of the optional passes may end in a reversal somi. Performing a reversal somi at the end of both optional passes will result in loss of difficulty for the reversal somi on the second optional pass plus a 2.0 pt. deduction will be taken on the advice of the superior judge.
 - c. Failure to meet the minimum 8.0 combined pass difficulty will result in a 2.0 deduction to be taken on the advice of the superior judge.

MINIMUM: 8.0 Difficulty

FINALS.

1. Mandatory at National Championships.
 - a. The top ten (10) scoring athletes will advance to finals. In the event of a tied score with the tenth scoring athlete, all athletes with the same score will be eligible to compete in finals.
 - b. Finals will be in order of merit, the competitor with the lowest preliminary score going first in both passes. In the event of ties, the starting order will be decided by a draw.
 - c. There shall be one optional eight (8) skill pass in the finals. The final optional pass must consist of at least three (3) somies.
 - d. In the final pass the competitor may repeat either of the eight (8) skill optional passes. performed in the preliminaries.
 - e. There is no new life. Preliminary Scores will be added to Final Scores.

Sanctioned Invitationals Competitions that don't meet the floor length requirements may receive prior approval from the U.S.T.A. Vice-President (must state said on sanction form & on entry form) to have the Advanced and/or Elite competitors perform two 5-skill passes. In this case the passes must differ by one skill and only one of the passes may end in a reversal. Failure to have different passes and/or ending both passes in a reversal will result in a 2.0 pt deduction (each). **Minimum 6.5 difficulty and three (3) somies.*

LEVEL SPECIFIC DEDUCTIONS

1. For not meeting the combined 8.0 Minimum difficulty 2.0 pt.
2. For not having three somersaults in a pass 2.0 pt.
3. For both completed passes ending in the same skill 2.0 pt.
4. For both completed passes ending in a reversal skill 2.0 pt.

NOTE: #3 & 4 will also result in loss of difficulty for the last skill of the second pass

REPEATS:

1. **Continuous whips may be repeated without penalty (loss of difficulty) at the Age Group Elite Division if the pass ends in a minimum 720 degree twisting or rotational somi. Failure to end the pass in a multiple somi will result in loss of difficulty for the repeated whips.**

NOTE: A skill cannot be initiated in the landing zone - pass will be interrupted prior to a skill that begins in the landing zone

SCORES

All AGE GROUP ELITE aesthetic scores must be within 1.0 (not just the middle scores).

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ◆ A competitor will automatically qualify to compete at Nationals in the Age Group Elite Level if he/she competes at their State Championship in the Age Group Elite Level of Tumbling; however, the competitor must have competed in the Age Group Elite Level of competition at a U.S.T.A. Sanctioned competition (during that competition season) prior to their state meet.
- ◆ After their State Championship has been held, a Age Group Elite athlete cannot compete in any other U.S.T.A. competition to reach the qualifying score for the Open Elite National Competition

ATTACHMENT B

TRAMPOLINE - AGE GROUP ELITE DIVISION

All the General Rules of Trampoline and the Advanced Rules of Trampoline apply to AGE GROUP ELITE Trampoline. Only the exceptions or additions will be listed below.

AGE GROUPS - Boys and Girls will not compete against each other. There shall be separate divisions for each.

Girls & Boys Age Groups: 10 & Under, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, 15-16 yrs, 17 & Over

REQUIREMENTS

AGE GROUP ELITE trampoline competitions consist of one (1) optional routine with ten contacts (skills) with the bed.

MINIMUM: Ten (10) Skills with a 270 degree rotation and a 7.5 Difficulty

Preliminaries

1. One ten (10) contact optional routine. After 10 completed skills, the 11th jump will be considered an out bounce unless it has rotation.
2. All skills must have a 270 degree rotation.
3. **Minimum of ten (10) skills with a minimum of 270 degree rotation and a 7.5 difficulty without repeats.**
 - 3.1 Performing a skill without a 270 rotation will result in termination and loss of that skill.
 - 3.2 Failure to meet the 7.5 pt. minimum difficulty without repeats will result in a 2.0 pt. aesthetic deduction. A competitor may not advance to finals if they do not meet the minimum difficulty score requirements.
4. Any repeated difficulty skills will result in loss of difficulty for the repeated skill, but will still count as a skill.
5. No difficulty points will be awarded for any skill which has a degree of difficulty of 1.1 pt. or more which does not terminate on the feet. Loss of skill, termination, and 2.0 deduction. NOTE: The U.S.T.A. does not recommend the use of these skills at any time during competition or training.

THE COMPETITORS WITH THE TOP TEN (10) SCORES FROM THE PRELIMINARIES WILL ADVANCE TO FINALS AS LONG AS THE MINIMUM DIFFICULTY SCORE OF 7.5 PT. IS MET. IN THE EVENT OF A TIED SCORE WITH THE 10TH SCORING ATHLETE, ALL ATHLETES WITH THE SAME SCORES WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN FINALS.

Finals

1. The optional final pass will consist of ten (10) contacts with a minimum difficulty of 7.5 pt without repeats.
2. Performing a skill without a 270 rotation will result in termination with loss of that skill.
3. Preliminary Rules 1 through 5 apply.
4. The starting order for the finals will be in the order of merit, the competitor with the lowest preliminary score will be going first. In the event of ties, the starting order will be decided by draw.
5. There is no new life. Preliminary Scores will be added to Final Scores.

DIFFICULTY - Refer to the Difficulty Chart.

Position awarded for Double Somersaults is determined by the lesser position. i.e. A tuck-in pike out will be given difficulty for a double tuck.

LEVEL SPECIFIC DEDUCTIONS

1. Failure to have ten (10) contact with a minimum of 270 degree rotation and/or a minimum of 7.5 difficulty will result in a deduction of 2.0 pt. **MAXIMUM 2.0 pt per pass.**

At the AGE GROUP ELITE Level of Trampoline, athletes will not be charged with a tuck jump or a pike jump if the knees or hips bend during the course of building height before the start of their pass.

At the AGE GROUP ELITE Level of Trampoline, after 10 completed skills, the 11th jump will be considered an out bounce unless it has rotation.

COMPETITION CARDS - REQUIRED

The competition card must be handed in at the time and place specified by the organization committee. In optional routines, changes to the skills written on the competition card are permitted.

There is no deduction for deviation from the routine listed on the competition card.

SCORES

All AGE GROUP ELITE aesthetic scores must be within 1.0 (not just the middle scores).

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- ◆ A competitor will automatically qualify to compete at Nationals in the AGE GROUP ELITE level if he/she competes at their State Championship in the AGE GROUP ELITE Level of Trampoline; however, the competitor must have competed in the AGE GROUP ELITE Level of competition at a U.S.T.A. Sanctioned competition (during that competition season) prior to their state meet.
- ◆ After their State Championship has been held, a AGE GROUP ELITE athlete cannot compete in any other U.S.T.A. competition to reach the qualifying score for the Elite National Competition

ATTACHMENT C

(Rules to be revisited in one year)

DOUBLE MINI - AGE GROUP ELITE DIVISION

All the General Rules of Double-Mini Trampoline and the Advanced Rules of Double-Mini Trampoline apply to AGE GROUP ELITE Trampoline. Only the exceptions or additions will be listed below.

AGE GROUPS - Boys and Girls will not compete against each other. There shall be separate divisions for each.

Girls & Boys Age Groups: 10 & Under, 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 - 16, 17 & Over

REQUIREMENTS. Advanced double-mini trampoline competition consists of three (3) optional routines. Each pass must consist of a minimum of two contacts with the bed and no more than three. A maximum of two skills per pass.

MINIMUM: 7.3 Difficulty

Preliminaries Three (3) passes with two (2) Somersaults in each pass.

1. Failure to meet the 7.3 pt. minimum difficulty without repeats will result in a 2.0 pt. aesthetic deduction. A competitor may not advance to finals if they do not meet these minimum difficulty score requirements.

Finals

1. Two (2) passes in the finals with a minimum of two (2) Somersaults in each pass.
2. The final two (2) passes must be different than the preliminary passes. No repeats in all five (5) passes.
3. The competitors with the top ten (10) scores from the preliminaries will advance to finals. In the event of a tied score with the tenth scoring athlete, all athletes with the same scores will be eligible to compete in finals.
4. The starting order for the Finals will be in order of merit, the competitor with the lowest preliminary score going first in both passes. In the event of ties, the starting order will be decided by a draw.
5. There is no new life. Preliminary Scores will be added to Final Scores.

COMPETITION CARDS - REQUIRED

The competition card must be handed in at the time and place specified by the organization committee. In optional routines, changes to the skills written on the competition card are permitted.

There is no deduction for deviation from the routine listed on the competition card.

SCORES

All AGE GROUP ELITE aesthetic scores must be within 1.0 (not just the middle scores).

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A competitor will automatically qualify to compete at Nationals in the AGE GROUP ELITE level if he/she competes at their State Championship in the AGE GROUP ELITE level of double-mini; however, the competitor must have competed in the AGE GROUP ELITE Level of competition at a U.S.T.A. Sanctioned competition prior to their state meet.

After their State Championship has been held, a AGE GROUP ELITE athlete cannot compete in any other U.S.T.A. competition to reach the qualifying score for the Elite National Competition.