

U.S.T.A. CLARIFICATIONS

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NOTICE: This is a complete listing of clarifications. Please note that some clarifications were made prior to new rules or rule changes and may no longer apply.

OCTOBER 2018

DOUBLE-MINI. Q. Can an athlete run, perform a ½ turn and mount the double-mini backward? **A.** No, the Technical Board has ruled that athletes must mount the double-mini facing forward.

Q. If a landing zone is pushed up against a wall and the athlete hits the landing mat, do they received the same deduction(s) as touching the floor? **A.** Yes, the landing mat prevented them from going off onto the floor.

AUGUST 2018

TUMBLING EQUIPMENT. ADV-EL. Our handbook says: "Minimum of 8'x16' landing mat even with the floor with a 6'x12' or 6½'x13' landing zone. Minimum 10' x 20' landing mat required for Nationals and Team Trials." I does not mention State Championships specifically. *NOTE: The USTA sponsor Ross makes landing mats 10' x 5'.* **Q.** Of course, there must be a "typo" with the 8'x16' - but aside from that, should the 10'x20' be required for State Championships also or is 10'x15' ok? **A.** 10'x20' (of course, we do allow for exceptions in necessary cases; however, exceptions are only granted if there are no other options available.

MARCH 2018

D-MINI ADVANCED RULES. HANDBOOK DM-p32. There is an error in the USTA Handbook. It incorrectly states: **Preliminaries** Three (3) passes with two (2) Somersaults in each pass. **NATIONALS ONLY:** 7.3 combined 3 pass difficulty cap. **The correct Preliminary cap is 7.2 combined 3 pass difficulty.**

1. ATTIRE. Q. When trampoline/d-mini athletes come to the competition floor and/or during warm-ups, some clubs are having their kids wear flip-flops to keep their trampoline shoes clean before competing. Do we take the 1.0 deduction as our current rules state in this case?

A. Yes, the deduction would be 1.0. Our current rules state: **ATHLETE ATTIRE** - During stretch-out, athletes may wear competition warm-ups (which must be stored in a designated area or bag) over their competition attire. Athletes **MUST** be in competition attire **from the beginning of their warm-ups through the end of their competition** (applicable attire deduction on the 1st pass) and during all Award Ceremonies.

JANUARY 2018

1. ATTIRE. With several more requests and much more discussion with the executive board, we decided to ask the Technical Board to vote on female uniform deviation. The Technical Board voted as follows:

Upon a GRANTED Religious dress code exemption from the Executive Board **(which would require documentation from an Athletes Church, Mosque or other religious entity stating**

