

2009 Rule Change SUMMARY
SUMMER SPORTS – RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

Rhythmic Gymnastics Proposed Rule Change 1

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new part of rule B.2.e.2)d)

Add: The minimum length of the ribbon for Level A & B athletes is 2 meters.

Also, put (Levels 1-4) after 3 meters in the rule as written.

FYI – The maximum length for all levels is still 6 meters, so no changes there.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Modify B.2.e.2)d)

Length: From one end to the other, the finished length of the ribbon should be a minimum of 2 meters to a maximum of 6 meters (for Levels A, B) and a minimum of 3 meters to a maximum of 6 meters (for Levels 1-4). This part must be in one piece.

Rhythmic Gymnastics Proposed Rule Change 3

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows: Section E.7. Judging Group routines Neutral Deductions

NEUTRAL DEDUCTIONS – Neutral deductions are the same for Group as they are for individual competition, with one addition: non-conforming leotard or apparatus. All gymnasts in a group must wear matching leotards, identical in shape and color. All gymnasts must use apparatus identical in weight, shape, and size: only the color can differ. The deduction for non-conforming leotards or apparatus are as follows:

0.1 Each leotard that does not match (maximum deduction is 0.3)

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Comments:

Modify E.7.

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Rhythmic Gymnastics Proposed Rule Change 4

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

Section E.7. – Level 4 Special Olympics Skills List: Flexibilities/ Acros

Intermediate

7) Any 360° promenade with the free leg in a passé position or with the free leg 45° to just below 90°.

8) Any 180° promenade with the free leg at 90° or above (the foot or leg may be held with the hand).

Advanced

6) Any 360° promenade with the free leg at 90° or above (the foot or leg may be held with the hand).

Final Action:

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Comments:

Modify Section E.7. – Level 4 Special Olympics Skills List: Flexibilities/ Acros

Rhythmic Gymnastics Proposed Rule Change 5

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

Section E.5. – Execution and Amplitude

Note: Drops of the apparatus are to be penalized as follows:

0.1 Immediate retrieval

0.3 Retrieval after 2-3 steps

0.5 Retrieval after 4 or more steps

Final Action:

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Comments:

Modify Section E.5. – Execution and Amplitude

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Rhythmic Gymnastics Proposed Rule Change 6

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

Section E.2. – Neutral Deductions

Neutral Deductions that are unique to Special Olympics are listed below. For all other neutral deductions, refer to FIG rules.

- a. Coach communicating to the athlete during a routine. The maximum deduction for assistance that may be taken is 3.0 for a routine.

Coach does the entire routine with the athlete	- 3.0
Coach assists through most of the routine	-2.0 – 2.9
Coach assists through half the routine	-1.0 – 1.9
Coach assists several times	-0.1 – 0.9
- b. If coaching assistance is needed, the coach must stand in a designated area where the judges can see her.
- c. Out of bounds – The maximum out of bounds deduction which may be taken for a routine is 1.0.

Apparatus out of bounds	-0.2 each time
Gymnast out of bounds	-0.2 each time

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Comments:

Modify Section E.2. – Neutral Deductions

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