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TO: OHSAA GIRLS GYMNASTICS COACHES AND OFFICIALS
FROM: DEBORAH B. MOORE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
RE: EARLY SEASON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – 2008-2009 SEASON
DATE: NOVEMBER, 2008

Please find posted below the **Questions and Answers** that were prepared by our OHSAA Girls Gymnastics Rules Interpreters, Char Christensen, Kathleen Edwards and Lois Mowry, after the 2008 rules interpretation meetings. I hope that you will find this information useful to you as you prepare to coach and officiate girls interscholastic gymnastics.

Please remember to consult our website at www.ohsaa.org for your tournament assignments and the regulations for our 36th annual Girls State Gymnastics Tournament. Best wishes for a peaceful holiday season. Please contact me at the OHSAA office or any of our interpreters if you have any questions.

General Questions

Q. 1 - When are Start Values and Open Scoring used in OHSAA gymnastic competitions?

A. 1 - Start values should be flashed at all levels of competitions including dual meets, triangulars, and invitationals. This allows the coaches to know if they are missing special requirements or value parts. The Start Value flashers are to be provided by the meet director at the host school. It is not up to the judges to bring their own. These can be easily made by placing a 1/2 " notebook on the judges table with plastic sleeves to hold numbers 8.0-10.00 or the numbers can be purchased by going on the NAWGJ web site. Open Scoring is when each judge's score is flashed in addition to the Start Values. The only meet where we use Open Scoring for the OHSAA gymnastic programs is at our OHSAA State Meet. NO open scoring is used at any meets during the season including dual meets, triangular meets, invitationals, sectionals or districts.

Corrections to Handbook

Page 13, Uneven Parallel Bars No. 6. Add: h. Cast to horizontal. The line from shoulders to the lowest body part determines the angle.

This is a new counting skill intended to provide opportunities for beginning bars workers to compose a routine with five value parts including counting skills and thereby avoid the 2.0 penalty for a 'short routine'. Execution deductions will be applied.

Page 18. Judging Formula table next to last row. Now reads: Floor Exercise (in first column); .9 (in second column). Change second column to read: **.8**

Breaking Ties at Sectional and District Tournaments

The OHSAA tournament regulations are preceded by this statement which reads “

2009 GIRLS GYMNASTICS TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Sectional - District - State

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. These regulations were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on October 2, 2008.

Thus, tie break procedures, as specified in these regulations, shall be applied from sectional to district as well as from district to state when determining the advancement of qualifiers. Click here to read the complete text of the 2009 Girls Gymnastics Tournament Regulations:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/gy/girls/gyrglts.pdf>