



## ★ Girls Novice Optional ★

**(Compulsory equivalent: Gymnast going into AK-3 or AK-4)**

<b>VAULT</b>	<b>UNEVEN BARS</b>		<b>BALANCE BEAM (No Time Limit)</b>		<b>FLOOR EXERCISE (No Time Limit)</b>	
<u>Allowable Vaults &amp; Values</u> <b>10.0</b> •Front Handspring •Yamashita <b>10.0</b> •½ On, repulsion off •½ On, repulsion off •Handsprint - ½ off <b>10.0</b>	<u>Special Requirements</u>  •Glide kip or Pullover mount •Forward circling skill •Backward circling skill •Cast 45° below horizontal •Undershoot, sole circle or counterswing ½ turn dismount (A flyaway is not allowed)  <b>A Flyaway is considered an advanced skill and not allowed at this level. If the flyaway is performed</b>	<u>Value</u>  0.50 Each	<u>Special Requirements</u>  •1/2 turn <b>(or more)</b> on one foot •1 Acro skill (flight not required) (may be in a series or isolated) •Jump or Leap (90°) (may be in a series or isolated) •Balance or Hold skill – 2 seconds •Dismount with or without flight	<u>Value</u>  0.50 each	<u>Special Requirements</u>  •1 Acro series with 2 flight elements •Forward or sideward skill (No fwd roll) •Backward skill (No backward roll) •Full turn on one foot •One dance series at least 2 skills one must have a leap or jump of 90° (directly or indirectly connected)	<u>Value</u>  0.50 each
•½ On – ½ off •¼ On – ¾ off <b>10.0</b> •½ On – Full off •Handsprint 1/1 off	<u>Skill Requirements</u>  •A minimum of 6 skills  NOTE - One extra cast or counter-swing is allowed between each element without deduction  No C or D Skills may be performed (unless on the "B" list) i.e. Straddle back to handstand	<u>Value</u>  0.30 each	<u>Skill Requirements</u>  •A minimum of 6 skills	<u>Value</u>  0.30 each	<u>Skill Requirements</u>  •A minimum of 6 skills	<u>Value</u>  0.30 each
		<b>Void routine</b>	No C or D skills may be performed	<b>Void routine</b>	No C or D skills may be performed	<b>Void routine</b>

## **CLARIFICATIONS**

- **Vault** - The usage of a hand mat or a carpet square will not be allowed for any forward entry vaults. The gymnast will not be allowed to compete if these are used. Only a chalk line, Velcro strip or a piece of athletic tape may be used to mark the hurdle line.
  - **BARS** - One extra or counter-swing is allowed between each element without deduction. The gymnast is allowed to go to the high bar.
  - **BARS** - Twisting the undershoot or sole circle dismount is allowed. All undershoots and sole circle dismounts must start from a support.
  - **BEAM** - Any skill that goes upside down is considered an acro skill.
  - **BEAM/FLOOR** - **A tuck jump does not meet the 90° Leap/Jump requirement.**
  - **FLOOR** - A dive roll is considered a flight skill in the Novice Optional program. The Dive roll may be used as one of the elements in the acro series on Floor Exercise.
  - **FLOOR** - A dance series now can be directly or indirectly connected by allowing running steps, small leaps, hops, chasses, assemblies, or any kind of turn on one or two feet between the two dance value-part elements.
  - There are NO composition deductions.
  - The coach may stand between the vault and board, between the bars, by the side of the beam, or on the floor with no deduction.
  - **All benefit of the doubt is given to the gymnast. EXAMPLE-If a gymnast is going for a skill and happens to over rotate it or over-twist the element.**