

**2009 Rule Change SUMMARY
SUMMER SPORTS**

ALL SUMMER SPORTS

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update</p> <p>Update Date at bottom of all rules.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: ALL SPORTS will read VERSION: January 2009</p>

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<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Update</p> <p>Update hyperlink to International Federation websites.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: ALL SPORTS will have updated hyperlinks to International Federation websites</p>

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Aquatics Proposed Rule Changes

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change:

Multiple Aquatics Rule Changes Throughout.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

SECTION A — OFFICIAL EVENTS

Addition of Event Groupings: Individual Events and Relay Events

SECTION B — GENERAL RULES

Changes in B.1., B.2., B.3., B.4., B.5., B.6. and B.7.

SECTION C — PERSONNEL

New Section C

SECTION D — SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

New Section D

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Athletics Proposed Rule Change 1

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

Insert new rule B.2.g. wording for IAAF Javelin modified for Special Olympics. Include standards for mini-javelin.

g. Mini-Javelin

- 1) The shaft, grip and fins shall be made out of plastic.
- 2) The tip shall be made of soft rubber with a blunt, rounded end.
- 3) Mini-javelin consists of 4 fins. The fins shall be flat (without protrusions or roughness) and shall be perpendicular to the surface of the mini-javelin.
- 4) The nominal weights shall be 300g for Men and Women (8–15 years), 300g for Women and 400g for Men.

Mini-Javelin Specification Table (all dimensions in mm)

Dimension	Min	Max
Overall length	685	705
Length of head	84	94
Diameter of tip at thickest point	37	43
Distance from tip to centre of gravity	365	380
Diameter of shaft forward of grip	30	38
Diameter of shaft behind the grip	24	30
Diameter of shaft at the grip	34	40
Width of grip	99	109
Distance from front of grip to tip of tail	322	332
Length of fin	162	168
Diameter of fin (peak to peak opposing fins)	95	105

- 5) The mini-javelin must be held by the grip with one hand only.
- 6) The mini-javelin shall be thrown over the shoulder or upper part of the throwing arm and may not be slung or hurled.
- 7) At no time may the competitor turn completely around so that his/her back is towards the throwing area.
- 8) The mini-javelin runway and landing sector shall be those as described in IAAF Rules: Chapter 5, Section IV-Field Events, Rule 187, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- 9) It is counted as a foul if the competitor:
 - a) Does not use the proper throwing technique.
 - b) Does not throw the mini-javelin so that the point (tip) lands before any other part of the implement.
 - c) Does not throw the mini-javelin so that the point (tip) falls completely within the inner edges of the sector lines.

Final Action:

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Athletics Proposed Rule Changes

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change:

Multiple Athletics Rule Changes Throughout.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

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Comments:

SECTION A — OFFICIAL EVENTS

Addition of Event Groupings: Track Events, Field Events, Combined Events, Assisted Walk Events, Wheelchair Events and Road Races.

Addition of Mini-Javelin as Official Event

SECTION B — RULES OF COMPETITION

Modify B.1.b.1) and B.1.b.3)

Modify B.1.c.3)

Modify B.2.a.1) to include mini-javelin

Modify B.2.d.4) and B.2.d.5)

Modify B.2.e.6)a)

Modify B.2.f. to include Softball Throw and Ball Throw for Distance (tennis ball) – Update section.

Add B.2.g. Mini-Javelin rules

Modify B.3. – Update section.

Modify B.4.c.1) and B.4.e.

Modify B.5.b.6)

Modify B.5.c. and B.5.c.3)e)

Modify B.6. and B.6.c.4)

Modify B.9. to include Scoring Tables for Pentathlon

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Badminton Proposed Rule Changes

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change: Multiple Badminton Rule Changes Throughout.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: SECTION B — RULES OF COMPETITION Modify B.3.a.1) Modify B.3.b.1) and B.3.b.3) Modify B.3.d.3)</p>

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 2 (Line Width)

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: Section B.1.c. Lines measuring 50 mm (2 inches) in width should be marked on all courts for the following:</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p>
<p>Comments: Approved</p>

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 3 (Wall Height)

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: Section B.1.c. The end walls should be at least 304 mm (12 inches) high.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p>
<p>Comments: Approved</p>

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 4 (Scoring)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

The present Rule C.1.n. should be directly after the current Rule C.1.l. as it relates to the actual scoring options of a game. In its present place it comes after the Rule re the actual Scorecards. It is now disjointed and to bring continuity and flow to the rules it should be moved to be after winning scores and before rules re scorecards.

Final Action:

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NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Switch placement of C.1.n. with C.1.m.

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 5 (Protests)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

The present rule Section C.6.a.4) should have the last sentence removed and it then placed in the rule directly preceding it. So Section C.6.a.3) now reads: Protests — Any protest to an official's or Tournament Director's decision must be made by a Special Olympics certified bocce coach within 15 minutes of the completion of any game or the decision made by the official or Tournament Director will be considered as accepted. Protests will be acknowledged and judged on the basis of merit in circumstances not specifically proved for hereunder.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Add – 'Protests will be acknowledged and judged on the basis of merit in circumstances not specifically proved for hereunder.' to C.6.a.3)

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 7 (Physical Makeup)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

The Event Manager/Tournament Director shall have the discretion to allow for certain modifications/interpretations of the current technical rules based upon a physical disability characteristic. Such interpretation shall be requested and ruled on prior to the athlete's participation in a competition and shall not give advantage over another athlete. Delivery action interpretations will be concerned with the action a limb(s) is performing a throw or roll.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Add as C.1.f.1)

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 8 (Other Terms)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

D.3.a. Hitting is sometimes known as shooting. A delivery which is thrown with sufficient velocity that it would hit the backboard if it missed the target. The shooting line will be used to determine a foul.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Change D.3.a.

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 10 (Mec Aids)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Add new rule

Mechanical Aid — If due to a medical or physical condition an athlete requires the use of a mechanical aid to spot the position of the pallina, then discretion can be given to the Event Manager/Tournament Director for this to be permitted. Items such as a bell or bright colored cone for a visually impaired athlete are examples of this type of mechanical aid. If a cone is used as a mechanical aid it should be placed as close as possible to the pallina, usually behind, and removed from the court once the Bocce ball is released from the athlete's hand. If a bell is used it should be rung while held over the pallina.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Add C.8.d.

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 11 (Footwear)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.9.c.2) Footwear — Players will not be permitted to wear shoes which may damage or disrupt the court surface. It is recommended that all players will wear close-toed shoes.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Change C.9.c.2)

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 13 (Measuring)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

E.2.e. Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina, for a total of nine measurements.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Change E.2.e. AND New reference in C.1.i

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 14 (Declining Penalty)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.6.a.1) Determination — Immediately upon determination by the official that a foul has been committed, the official will notify the captains of both teams and inform them of the penalty imposed. The team fouled against has the option to decline any penalty imposed by the official and accept the lie of the ball(s) and continues playing. The ruling of the official is final, except as otherwise provided for hereafter.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Change C.6.a.1)

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 15 (Checking Points)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.5.d. Checking position of points — One player from each team may proceed down the outside of the court before delivering his/her ball and the player must remain outside of the court while checking the position of points.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Changed C.5.d

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 16 (Moving the Balls)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.1.i. Scoring—At the end of each frame (when both teams have exhausted all balls), scoring will be determined as follows: points are awarded to the team whose balls are closer to the pallina than the closest ball of the opposing team, which can be determined by viewing or by mechanical measurements. A player may request a mechanical measurement (Measurements will be taken from the center side of the bocce ball to the center side of the pallina). At the end of a frame, the referee announces the winning points and color to the players outside the court at the pallina end and before the balls are removed, the referee should look to the players for agreement. The players have a right to request a measurement if the players disagree with the referee. When the player or team agrees with the number of points awarded, the court official then proceeds to remove the balls to start the next frame. The scoring team for each frame will also win the pallina advantage for the subsequent frame. The referee will be responsible for validity of the scoreboard and scorecard, so it is incumbent upon the team captain to verify the accuracy of the posted score at all times.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Changed C.1.i.

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Bocce Proposed Rule Change 17 (Illegal Movement)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.6.b.4) Illegal movement of an opponent's ball — If, after all eight balls have been thrown, a player moves one or more of his/her opponent's balls, the opponent's balls that were moved will be awarded one point each. If a player moves one or more of his/her opponent's balls, and there are remaining unplayed balls, the referee will place the balls as close to their original position as possible and play will continue.

Final Action:

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NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

Approved: Changed C.6.b.4)

Bocce Proposed Rule Change 18 (Coaching)

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

C.1.h.

h. Coaching

- 1) Discussion with any athlete and/or partner is prohibited once the athlete and or partner steps onto the court.
- 2) If an official determines that a coach/ partner/ spectator is violating this rule, the official may sanction the offending individual. Sanctions may include: verbal warning, citing the coach/partner with unsportsmanlike conduct or expulsion from the game.

Final Action:

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Comments:

Approved: Change C.1.h.

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Bowling Proposed Rule Changes

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change: Complete New Set of Bowling Rules.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Modify Complete New Set of Bowling Rules.</p>

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Cycling Proposed Rule Change 1

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delete rule Proposed new Official Events. Delete current Official Event.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Add 2 new events: 1. 250-meter (m) Time Trial 3. 2-kilometer (K) Time Trial Delete 1 event: 1-kilometer Unified Sports Tandem Time Trial</p>

Cycling Proposed Rule Change 2

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change to read as follows: At the discretion of the race director and organizing team, the time trial start order may be conducted fastest rider to slowest rider OR slowest rider to fastest rider depending on a number of factors including course layout, course condition, ability range of the field of riders and any other factors which may impact safety of the competition.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Modify E.2.a.3) 3) At the discretion of the race director and organizing team, the time trial start order may be conducted fastest rider to slowest rider OR slowest rider to fastest rider depending on a number of factors including course layout, course condition, ability range of the field of riders and any other factors which may impact safety of the competition.</p>

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Cycling Proposed Rule Change 3

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change

Multiple Changes throughout Cycling Rules.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

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Comments:

- C.2. Modified bicycles may include recumbent, adult tricycles, bicycles with outriggers or other approved modifications.
- C.8. - in the case of Unified Sports tandem teams, BOTH riders must be touching the bicycle while crossing the finish line.
- D.2 & D.3. (Adjust subsequent numbering)
 - 2. Head Official
 - 3. Event Director
- Modify: D.7. - Two stagers in charge of entry numbers, correct number placement, matching bicycle and bib number, correct starting lineup and if computer chips are used, they must correspond with the correctly registered rider.
- Modify: D.10 - Holder —To support the rider in an upright position on the bike preferable with both feet on the pedals. The holder is not to push the rider off the start line at any time. Riders may choose to start with either one or both feet on the ground if they choose.
- Modify/ Add: E.1.c. & E.1.d.
 - c. A preliminary Time Trial may be conducted as a means to determine a cyclist's ability in the time trial event, for appropriate placement in divisioning.
 - 1) Time Trials of 500 meters, 1 kilometer or 5 kilometers may be used, depending on the cyclist's events.
 - d. Athletes racing in both time trials and road races-may race a divisioning race for both events depending on time constraints and at the discretion of the race director and organizing team.
- Modify E.2.a.2) and E.2.a.3) and Add E.2.a.4)
 - 4) The rider shall start from a stationary position. The rider shall be held and then released, without being pushed, by a holder. The same holder shall perform the the task for each rider in the division. The rider may opt to start with one or both feet on the ground at the start.
 - 5) At the discretion of the race director and organizing team, the time trial start order may be conducted fastest rider to slowest rider OR slowest rider to fastest rider depending on a number of factors including course layout, course condition, ability range of the field of riders and any other factors which may impact safety of the competition.
 - 6) Use of modified bicycles will be permitted only in time trial events. The Event or Race Director will decide if two-wheel and modified bicycles compete together, based on the number of competitors, course conditions and ability level of the riders.
- Modify F.1.c: to say pilot instead of driver.

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Football (Soccer) Proposed Rule Changes

Rule Change Recommendation:

5-a-side & 7-a-side

- 1 Change rule f. The Assistant Referee:

Two assistant referees are appointed to each match for Regional and International Competitions. For Local, Program and National Competitions it is recommended to have two referees if there are not enough assistant referees.

- 2 Change rule h. Start of play:

A ball must be kicked forward from the center spot before being touched by another player.
(delete: at least one full revolution)

- 3 Change in rule j. Goal Clearance

3.b. **“opposing player”** with **“any player”**

- 5 Add to rule n. Free Kick

2) **“When a indirect free kick is awarded to the attacking team inside the penalty area within 5 meters from the goal line, the referee must place the ball at five meters from the goal line”.**

- 6 Add in rule p. Kick in:

4) **A goal keeper may not pick up a ball with his hands passed back to him by his own player.**

Final Action:

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Comments:

1. Approved
2. Approved
3. Approved

5. Approved
6. Approved

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Golf Proposed Rule Change

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change to read as follows:

Multiple Changes throughout Golf Rules

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

SECTION B — GENERAL RULES AND MODIFICATIONS

B.1. – Replace recommended with possible.

B.2.e. – Modify to read: After each athlete has completed their 5 attempts, the scorekeepers move out, score and pick up the group of balls.

B.3. – Modify to read: The purpose of the Individual Skills Competition is to allow athletes to train and compete in basic golf skills. The development of these key skills is necessary prior to advancing to Level 2-5. A maximum of 140 points may be scored in Level One, if the bunker shot is included.

B.3.a., B.3.b., B.3.c., B.3.d., B.3.e., B.3.f., B.3.g. – Add (Maximum 20 points)

B.5.c.1) – Modify to read: Three forms of play can be used at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, however Form 1 will be used during National, Regional and International Competitions. If the tournament is conducted over three rounds, it is recommended that each form of play be included in the tournament.

B.5.c.1)a) – Modify to read: Form 1 (National, Regional and International Competition)

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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)

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

Final Action:

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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:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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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

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

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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

Final Action:

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Comments:

Modify Section E.2. – Neutral Deductions

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 - b. If coaching assistance is needed, the coach must stand in a designated area where the judges can see them.
 - c. Out of bounds – The maximum out of bounds deduction which may be taken for a routine is 1.0.

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Gymnast out of bounds	-0.2 each time

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Sailing Proposed Rule Change

<p>Rule Change Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change: Complete New Set of Sailing Rules.</p>
<p>Final Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVE AS PROPOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO SPORTS RESOURCE TEAM FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</p> <p>Comments: Modify Complete New Set of Sailing Rules.</p>

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Table Tennis Proposed Rule Changes

Rule Change Recommendation:

Change:

SRT Modifications:

1. Section B.4.d. Modify to read 'of the total thickness or 0.35 millimeters'
2. Section B.4.f. Modify to read 'with any material and should be considered part of the handle.'
3. Section B.4.f. Delete 'with any material'
4. Section B.4.g. Add 'The blade, any layer within the blade and any layer of covering material or adhesive on a side used for striking the ball shall be continuous and of even thickness.'
AND Adjust subsequent numbering.

Final Action:

APPROVE AS PROPOSED

NOT APPROVED

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Comments:

SRT Modifications:

1. Approved
2. Approved
3. Approved
4. Approved