



WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC & XCEL PROGRAM UPDATE – APRIL 2017

I. 2017 and 2018 WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC & XCEL OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

- A. Current Optional cycle for Jr. Olympic and Xcel programs has been extended one year to end July 2018 (instead of 2017) in order to avoid having new optional and compulsory changes on the same year in the future.
- B. 2013-17 Code of Points (book, digital & Flipbook) remain in effect for one more season.
- C. Jr. Olympic & Xcel Code of Points for the next 4 yr. cycle will be available for sale in late Spring/early summer of 2018 and will be effective August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2022.
- D. Education on 2018-22 Optional rules for Jr. Olympic and Xcel programs will be presented for the first time at the 2018 Regional and National Congresses.

II. 2021 WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC COMPULSORY PROGRAM

- A. The current Women's Jr. Olympic compulsory routines are valid through July 2021.
- B. New compulsory routines for the 8-yr cycle of 2021-29 will be introduced at Master Compulsory Workshops in early June 2021, along with new books & digital App.

WOMEN'S JR. OLYMPIC JUDGING ACCREDITATION/RE-CERTIFICATION UPDATE

I. 2018 JO OPTIONAL JUDGES' RE-CERTIFICATION

- A. National & USA Brevet Judges' re-certification:
 - 1. All current USA Brevet/National ratings are valid until Dec. 31, 2018.
 - 2. In order to be eligible for an Optional judging assignment in 2019, the judge must achieve a new optional rating valid for 2018-2022. All current Optional ratings will be null and void as of 12/31/18.
 - 3. Study materials for judges who are eligible for the National and USA Brevet Judges Course will be available online in the Spring of 2018.
 - 4. A practice judging review and testing opportunity will be offered at Regional/National Congresses and other designated events. Specific dates/locations will be announced soon.
 - 5. One opportunity for re-testing is allowed if the passing score on one or both parts (written/practical) is not achieved.
- B. Level 6-10 Judges' re-certification:
 - 1. All current Optional judging ratings are valid until Dec. 31, 2018.
 - 2. The first opportunity to test for Level 7/8, 9 & 10 judges will be at the 2018 National Congress.
 - 3. In order to be eligible for an Optional judging assignment in 2019, the judge MUST achieve a new optional rating valid for 2018-2022. All current optional ratings will be null and void as of 12/31/18.
 - 4. Judging assignments between August and December 2018:
 - a. First priority is given to those judges who achieve a 2018-22 Optional rating.
 - b. Next priority goes to judges who have tested but passed only one part (written or practical).
 - c. 2013-18 rated judges who have tested but have not achieved a new rating may be assigned **ONLY** if there are are not enough judges available who have achieved a new 2018-22 rating.

II. 2021 JO COMPULSORY JUDGES' RE-CERTIFICATION

- A. The current Level 4/5 ratings are valid through December 31, 2021.
- B. Judging exams for the new compulsories will be offered for the first time at 2021 National Congress.
- C. Judging assignments between August and December 2021:
 - 1. First priority is given to those judges who achieve a new 2012-29 Compulsory rating.
 - 2. 2013-21 compulsory rated judges who have tested but have not passed will be assigned **ONLY** if there are are not enough judges who have achieved a new 2021-29 rating.