

JUDGE'S SCALE AND PROTECTION RULE

I. Judge's Scale Break Down:

AAU JUDGE'S SCALE		
LEVEL	SCORE RANGE	POINTS AWARDED PER CATEGORY
Elite	90-100	18-20 points per category
Adv/Elite	85-90	No more than 18 points 16-18 points per category
Adv	80-85	
Int/Adv	75-80	No more than 16 points 14-16 points per category
Int	70-75	
Beg/Int	65-70	No more than 14 points 12-14 points per category
Beg	60-65	
Challenger/Nov/Beg	55-60	No more than 12 points 0-12 points per category
Challenger/Nov	0-55	

NOTE: *The Judge has the right to award lower or higher points for the division if he/she feels the athlete is below or above the level.*

II. PROTECTION RULE

- A. The judge has the right to invoke a "**Protection Rule**" in Novice, Beginner, and Intermediate status levels.
- B. The Protection Rule may be given for the following reasons:
 1. The athlete does not demonstrate first place ability.
 2. Protects the athlete from moving up too quickly before they are ready.

GENERAL AWARDS INFORMATION

- I. All athletes are **required** to be in **competition attire** for the awards ceremony.
- II. **Awards for District Competitions:**
 - A. Individual, team, and corps awards must be provided for the top three places.
 - B. Contest directors may purchase extra ribbons and medals if desired.
 - C. Top 10 in each event will Qualify to attend the Nationals/ AAU Junior Olympic Games
- III. **Awards for National Competition/Junior Olympic Games:**
 - A. For **ALL** solo events, the top **FIVE (5) FINALISTS** will be awarded in each age division.
 - B. For **ALL** team events, the top **FIVE (5) FINALISTS** will be awarded in each age division.
 - C. For **ALL** corps events, the top **FIVE (5) FINALISTS** will be awarded in each age division.