

2. Boys and girls will not compete against each other. There shall be separate divisions for both. (Exception will be allowed at the discretion of the Executive Board)
3. A competitor will compete in the age group he/she is on 12/31 of the current season. This will hold true at all District and National Championships. A competitor must be at least 4 years old and no more than 20 years old by 12/31 of the current season in order to be eligible to compete.
4. If an athlete performs a skill that is not allowed at the level the athlete is competing at and the skill is classified for a higher division, the pass will be interrupted at that skill and the athlete may be mandated if skill is from a higher level and move to the higher division by the next competition. (a 2.0 pt deduction will also be taken at the instruction of the Superior Judge – see detailed rules pertaining to the specific level).
5. No jewelry shall be worn. Athletes wearing jewelry will received a 1.0 deduction from each judges, with the exception of a medical medallion or bracelet taped over, which may be worn if properly secured to the body. All visible tattoos must be covered with flesh color or athletic tape.
6. The arbitration jury consists of the National Chairperson, the Superior Judge and the Technical Chairman.
  - i. The Arbitration Jury Members cannot be affiliated with the athlete in question.
  - ii. All decisions made by the Arbitration Jury are final and must be abided by.
7. If a competitor is obviously disturbed during a routine by faulty equipment or external influence, the Superior Judge may allow for a second attempt. During a competition pass, if an individual walks between the competitor and judges, the competitors coach has the option to have the athlete perform the pass again. The scores received for the second performance (second attempt) pass will be used.
 

**NOTE:** Spectator noise, applause, microphone announcements, and the like would not normally constitute disturbance.
8. Competition cards are required for the Sub-Advanced and Advanced Level of Trampoline. The competition card must be handed to the Superior Judge prior to the competition. Changes to the skill(s) written on the competition card are permitted without deduction.
9. All competitors must warm-up in competition attire.
10. All competitors must remain in competition attire until the flight awards have been presented.
11. All competitors must wear competition attire to receive their award on the award stand during the award ceremonies and flight awards.
12. All competitors at Team Trials, District Championships, and National Championships must compete with their flight in designated order in competition attire unless the competitor is competing in another event.
13. At the National Competition, all Finals 1st Place Competitors (except Sub-Beginner level) in groups of 10 or more athletes will be mandated to the next level of competition. These athletes must compete in their mandated level by the next sanctioned competition.

### **TUMBLING GENERAL RULES**

#### ii. **OBJECT OF A ROUTINE**