



## Frequently Asked Questions on Uniforms and Contest Delays Women's Gymnastics – 2020-21

*(This document includes specific NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications references where applicable.)*

**1. What words, logos and symbols are allowed on the uniform or equipment?**

As authorized by the institution or conference, allow a commemorative/memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes). A student-athlete's name (first initial and full last name) is permitted if all team members use a similar font type and color (Rule 6-2-a). As authorized by the institution or conference, allow other names/words intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes on the back of the jersey/uniform where the player name is traditionally located. The names/words may vary by team member.

**2. May the uniform contain any other words, slogans, messaging, etc.?**

As authorized by the institution or conference, allow a commemorative/memorial patch (e.g., names, mascots, nicknames, logos, and marks intended to celebrate or memorialize persons, events, or other causes).

**3. Are words allowed on equipment and other attachments?**

The rules do not speak to messaging or words on other equipment, such as hand grips, during competition.

**4. What about messaging for causes, organizations, etc.?**

The rules do not specifically address words or symbols that reference charitable causes, social media, religious or club affiliation, etc.

**5. How does the unsportsmanlike acts rule apply?**

The first act of unsportsmanlike conduct by a student-athlete results in a warning. A second act results in a .10 deduction from the gymnast's score for that event.

The first act of unsportsmanlike conduct by a coach will result in a warning and yellow card. A second act results in a .10 deduction taken from the team score for each violation.

**6. What is the penalty for wearing a uniform that does not meet the rules?**

Failure to comply with the team uniform rules will result in deductions from .10 to .30 from the individual or team score (Rule 6-2-a-4 and 6-2-a-5).

**7. What is the rule regarding refusal to play?**

The rules do not refer to the refusal to compete.

**8. Are there any playing rules that specify protocols for student-athletes and/or coaches during the national anthem?**

No. Participants should be allowed to express their opinions (e.g., kneeling during the national anthem) as long as the action does not delay or disrupt competition.

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