## **Beginning Symbols for Gymnastics**

## **General Guide Lines** Practice writing blind without looking down. Watch routines and just script symbols. Memorize compulsory routines using basic symbols found in the Compulsory penalty chart. **BASIC SYMBOLS Body Positions** or Layout straddle Tucked Piked layout stepout separated handstand Support symbol is two lines under the skill symbol: (Used when gymnast stands, sits, or has contact with the apparatus) splits front roll handstand roll-out stand scale back roll to handstand swing down Flight phase symbol is usually one line, straight or waved, under or attached to a skill symbol: or stretch jump split leap front handspring dive cartwheel cast to whip handstand hop Two-foot take-off: split jump hecht action Free or clear skill symbol (without the use of hands): clear support / Planche aerial cartwheel aerial walkover **Basic Turns:** L 1/4 turn 1/2 turn 1 1/2 turn 3/4 turn 1/1 turn 2/1 turn 2 1/2 turn 3/1 turn Twists: 1/2 twist 1/1 Twist 1 1/2 Twist 2/1 Twist Saltos: back tuck front tuck arabian salto gainer back tuck side salto back full front full key concept: back pike front pike ۱ back 1 1/2 front 1 1/2 forward rotation backward rotation back layout front layout double back double front



