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



