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The FIG MTC has made the following interpretations and clarifications regarding the 2017 MAG Code of Points at their March 2019 meeting in Lausanne (SUI). The information below responds to frequently asked questions since their last meeting and is separated into two distinct sections; Clarifications in Code of Points and new elements successfully performed since Newsletter #34.

I. Clarifications to the 2017-2020 Code of Points

General

FIG Funded Judges (D & R at senior World Championships)

- These judges must attend the judges' instruction, podium training, all judges' briefings for every phase, and all competition phases and days through the end of the event.

Judging Uniforms

- Judges are reminded that they are expected to follow the uniform requirements as stated in the Code of Points under Article 5.1 k

Compression Bandages

- Gymnast must refrain from wearing compression sleeves during competition
- Please also refer to Article 2.3i, Competition Attire in the Code of Points.
- Deduction for an attire violation is – 0.3 (article 2.4)



NO



NO

Note: These types of sleeves can be worn on the bicep area for Parallel Bars and for joint support on all apparatus. In the second example, the sleeve may not extend more than half way down the forearm (or knee) to be considered as joint support. Flesh or skin color is preferred.

Timing

- Timing related to all exercises (start of exercise & exercise duration) will be done in 1 second increments.

Floor exercise

- Reminder that Gogoladze (Element I 93), or any other similar type elements, require a circle to front support.

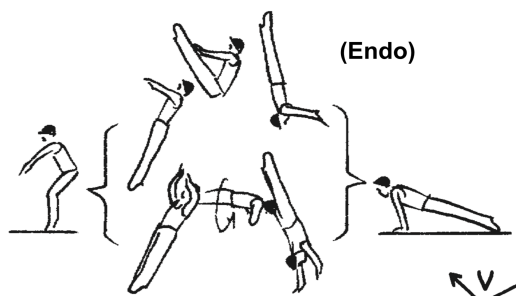




- A Japanese press from a low position such as a Straddle sit position and press to Japanese handstand will be recognized as a C-part



- Element I 74, Endo Jump – The gymnast must show support on the arms and is not permitted to jump backwards and land in an uncontrolled chest/body drop.



Pommel Horse

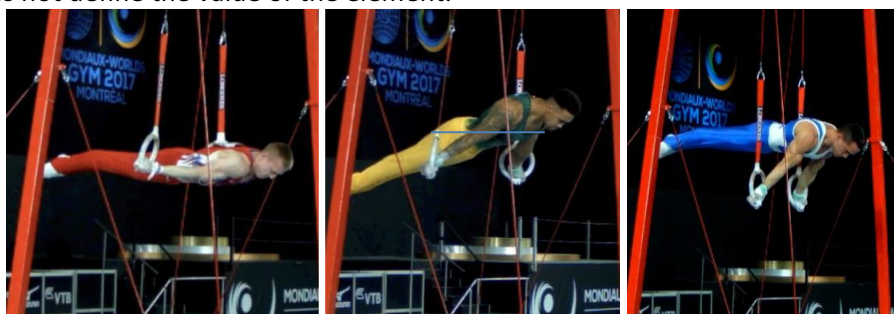
- There were several instances at the Doha World Championships where Scissor to Handstand was not recognized for Difficulty. Please click on the following links for examples of when Difficulty was not recognized.



Rings

Recognition of Swallow versus Support scale


- There have been numerous examples during this cycle where the differentiation between these two elements has been unclear. In order to provide clarity; if the shoulder is completely above the top of the Rings the element will be recognized as a support scale.
- Swallow is to be performed with perfectly straight body and with the bottom shoulders in line with the bottom of the Rings. The arms should be wide and not in contact with the upper body.
- Support scale should also be performed with a perfectly straight body and with the body completely above the top of the Rings. The position of the arms, i.e. slightly wide or hands turned out does not define the value of the element.




- If a gymnast performs a Honma to straight body support and then raise their legs to an L-sit position they will be deducted - 0.3



Parallel Bars

- Healy and Makuts type turns, with an extreme arm bend (greater than 90 deg.) upon catching, will not be recognized for value. 
- A double salto forward with a ½ turn may be performed for value with either a late turn or an early turn on the ½ twist.

Horizontal bar

- Regarding the performance expectations for the exit from the Czech giant swing; A simple stoop exit from dorsal hang is permitted without an angular deviation deduction, but also does not receive any value. 

II. New Elements performed since Newsletter #34 was published.

The FIG MTC confirms the following new elements were successfully performed in 2018 and early 2019. MAG gymnasts may receive the name for a new element performed in an official FIG competition upon successful completion without a large deduction error.

POMMEL HORSE

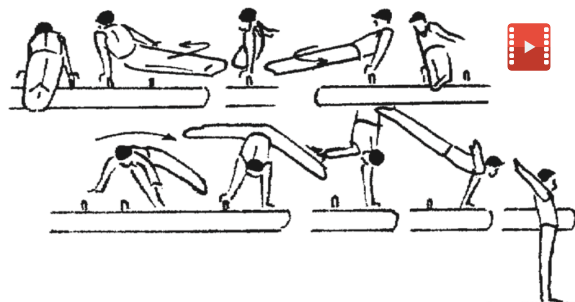
Saeedreza KEIKHA (IRI)

- *Direct Stockli A (DSA) outside pommels*
- D value (EG II) #52 Same box as **KEIKHA 3**
- Performed successfully for value in the Final of the 2018 Apparatus World Cup in Cottbus (GER),
- Name awarded: **KEIKHA 6**



David JESSEN (CZE)

- DSA with hop backward through handstand on the other end
- D Value (EG IV) # 16 - already listed in the Code of Points
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualification of the 2019 Apparatus World Cup in Doha (QAT)
- Name awarded: **JESSEN**

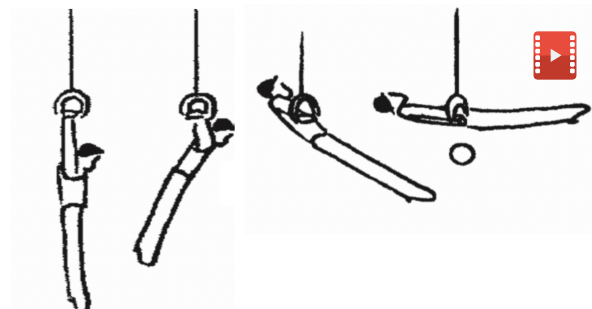




RINGS

Courtney TULLOCH (GBR)

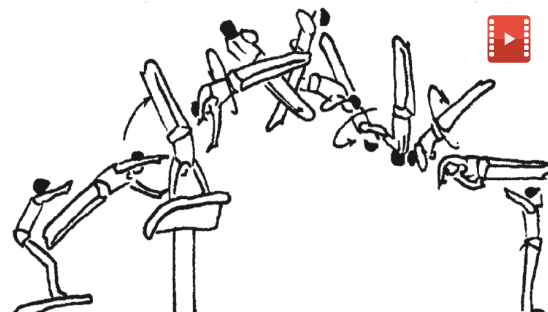
- From hang vertical pull up, slowly with straight arms through cross to inverted swallow (2 s.).
- F value (EG II) #66
- Performed successfully for value in the Apparatus Final of the 2018 European Championships in Glasgow (GBR)
- Name awarded: **TULLOCH 2**



VAULT

Hide Nobu YONEKURA (JPN)

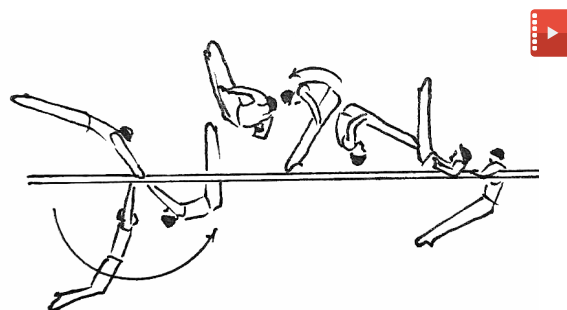
- Kasamatsu straight with 5/2 turn or Tsukahara straight with 7/2 turn
- 6.0 Value, # 277 already listed in the Code of Points
- Performed successfully for value in the Apparatus Final of the 2019 World Cup in Melbourne (AUS)
- Name awarded **YONEKURA**



PARALLEL BARS

Orlando ESPARZA (MEX)

- Giant swing backward with 1/2 t. and 3/2 salto forward piked to upper arm hang.
- G value (EG III) #66
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2018 World Challenge Cup in Paris (FRA)
- Name awarded: **ESPARZA**

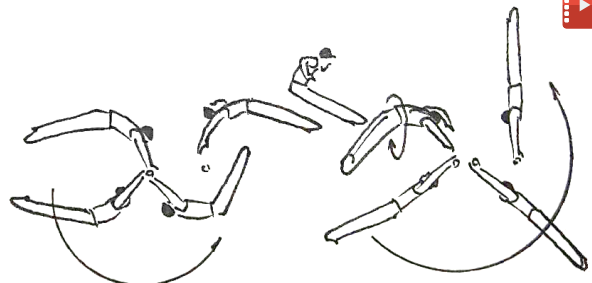




HORIZONTAL BAR

Umit SAMILOGLU (TUR)

- Tkatchev piked with 1/2 turn to mixed el-grip into back uprise to handstand.
- D value (EG II) #16
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2018 World Challenge Cup in Mersin (TUR)
- Name awarded: **SAMILOGLU**



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With compliments,

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