## SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION - JUDGING PANELS - CHAPTER 1

I. THE WORKING PROCEDURES OF THE JUDGING PANEL
A. TYPES OF COMPETITION

1. Compulsory Competition
2. Optional Competition
B. JUDGING PANEL COMPOSITION
3. USA Gymnastics Development (Dev) Program Level 9 Eastern / Western and Level 10 National competitions - panels consist of:
a. One Chief Judge (non-affiliated)
b. Three additional panel judges
c. Assistants (timers, line judges, etc.)
4. Number of required judges at USA Gymnastics Dev Program local, pre-sectional, sectional state, regional and national invitational competitions, panels may consist of:
a. Four-judge panel (as listed above)
b. Two-judge panel
1) One Chief Judge (non-affiliated)
2) One panel judge
c. One-judge panel
3) Allowed at local / sectional competitions only for Levels $1 / 2 / 3 / 4$ and at local competitions only for Level 5 .

- A two-judge panel is required to qualify any Level 5 gymnast to State Championships.
- Check with your State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC) for state
guidelines for pre-sectional and sectional meets at Levels $1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5$

2) Allowed for mobility meets Levels $1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5$
d. Assistants (timers, line judges, etc.)
C. AFFILIATION OF JUDGES WITH AN INDIVIDUAL(S) OR GYMNASTICS CLUB
1. A judge is considered affiliated at a specific meet if she / he is:
a. A person on the payroll of a competing club
b. A judge who critiques or coaches more than once a month on an ongoing basis at a specific gymnastics club is considered affiliated with that competing club.
c. A coach of a competing gymnast.
club / gymnast.
. A Women's Artistic Dev Program or Xcel team member of a club competing in the meet EXAMPLE: Level 10 gymnast holds a compulsory rating and is judging gymnasts from her / his own club at a compulsory or Xcel meet.
f. Any sports science or gymnastics professional who is paid for ongoing services for a competing gymnast.
EXAMPLE: Athletic trainer, physical therapist, sports psychologist, choreographer
g. An immediate family member (parent, stepparent, grandparent, sibling, any other person living in the household) of a.
1) Competing gymnast.
2) Coach of a competing club

EXAMPLE: A parent whose offspring is a coach of a competing club is affiliated with that club regardless of whether the coach is on the floor working at a specific meet.
3) Club owner / administrator whose club is competing.

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4) Women's Development Program or Xcel team member of a club competing in the meet.

EXAMPLE: Parent of a Level 5 gymnast judging an optional competition in which their
daughter's club is competing.

- An immediate family member of a men's, rhythmic, acrobatic gymnastics or tumbling
/ trampoline team member of a competing club is NOT considered to be affiliated
- An immediate family member of any child enrolled in a recreational class of a competing club is NOT considered to be affiliated

2. Judges affiliated with a club, gymnast or coach participating in competition may be assigned to judge, with the following stipulations:
a. In USA Gymnastics qualifying competitions with panels of two or four judges:
1) An affiliated judge may be assigned as a panel judge or as Meet Referee.
2) No more than one judge with same affiliation may be assigned per panel.
3) An affiliated judge may NOT be assigned as Chief Judge, regardless of accreditation rating.
b. In non-qualifying open invitationals with panels of two or four judges.

- Affiliated judges may be assigned as a Chief or panel judge.
c. For meets using one-judge panels, an affiliated judge may be assigned ONLY when there are NOT enough non-affiliated judges available and only with approval of the Regional Technical Committee Chairman (RTCC).

1) If the RTCC is affiliated and must be assigned, approval MUST come from the State Administrative Committee Chairman (SACC)
2) An affiliated judge may be assigned to a one-judge panel for Levels 1 and 2 .
d. If the club with which the judge is affiliated is NOT participating in the meet to which the judge has been assigned, she / he is NOT considered aflilited at that meet.
3) If the meet format has separate team and individual awards per session, then a judge would be affiliated only during the session(s) in which the club/team she / he is affiliated with is competing.
4) If there is an overall team award for the same level at the end of the entire meet, the affiliation rules apply for the entire competition.
D. SEATING ARRANGEMENT OF THE JUDGES
1. Allow for an unobstructed observation of the exercise.
2. Place panel judges in numerical order around the apparatus, clockwise from Chief Judge's table
3. Space judges at a proper distance to allow for an individual, unbiased evaluation.

- If floor space is restricted, both judges on panel are allowed to sit at same table; however, it is advised that a score tabulator be seated between judges and / or that conversation between the two judges is limited to conferences only.


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## II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEET OFFICIALS

## A. GENERAL DUTIES OF ALL OFFICIALS

1. Individual judges shall perform their function as a judge of the meet according to the USA Gymnastics R\&P, membership and Safe Sport policies, and the USA Gymnastics Code of Ethics.
2. Individual judges shall be limited to judging, evaluating and scoring the competition
a. A judge shall NOT involve herself / himself with conduct of the gymnast during warm-ups or training.
b. Comments to gymnast should be made only if requested from coach or gymnas
3. Individual judges will be bound by terms of the individual contract agreed upon for that particular meet.
4. Judges are responsible, according to all appropriate laws and jurisdiction, for all financial reporting and identification of payment / reimbursements received to appropriate agencies (i.e., IRS).
5. Each individual judge shall sign and return the contract to Meet Director and contracting official.

Judges are NOT allowed to accept gifts in addition to USA Gymnastics judges' compensation package fees / expenses unless gift does NOT exceed a retail value of $\$ 20.00$.
Judges should serve only in the capacity of an official during warm-ups and competition. They may NOT act in a dual capacity (i.e., coach / judge, parent / judge, Meet Director / judge announcer / judge, etc.).
8. Judges must act in a professional manner.
a. Must NOT leave their seat during competition without permission of Meet Referee or Chief Judge.
b. Must remain at her / his event station until entire competition has been completed
c. Must avoid conversations with coaches regarding evaluation of exercises.
d. Must be willing to compromise when the two counting scores are out of range
e. Must refrain from using electronic devices (such as cell phones, tablets, etc.) for purposes other than gymnastics judging or reference on the field of play. Electronic devices must be in airplane mode.
9. Judges MUST dress appropriately, regardless of the level of competition, in the required uniform (navy skirt / pants and jacket, white blouse / shirt, NAWGJ navy dress / sweater). (Exception: heme invitationals)
Suit jackets required for State and above competitions.

- Leggings are NOT acceptable.

10. Chief and panel judges are responsible for flashing their own Start Value (SV) at all Level $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10$ meets (or write it on competitor's score card)

- SV MUST be flashed AFTER score has been submitted.
- Judge MUST provide her / his own SV flashing unit, unless provided by host club

11. Must fulfill annual Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements.

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## B. MEET REFEREE (may also act as a Chief Judge)

1. A Meet Referee, or acting Meet Referee, MUST be designated at all Dev Program sanctioned competitions.
2. If Meet Referee also serves as Chief Judge, she / he will receive Chief Judge's fee and Meet Referee fee at the following competitions:
1) State Championships with four-judge panels
2) Regional, Level 9 East/West and Level 10 National Championships (regardless of the number of judges per panel)
3) Dual compensation is NOT allowed at State Championships with two-judge panels, or at any sanctioned local/sectional meets.
3. Meet Referee Duties and Responsibilities:
a. If requested, assists in conducting the draw prior to or at coaches' meeting (depending on the organization of meet) at regional or national competitions, in conjunction with:
1) Appropriate USA Gymnastics Officer, and / or
2) Meet Director
b. Serves as liaison between coaches and judges. Must attend coaches meeting (or designate a proxy) at state, regional and national competitions.
c. Conducts the judges' meeting prior to competition using the Meet Referee checklist.
3) Presents the USA Gymnastics base score video for analysis at state and above meets

- The base score video file can be obtained electronically from the USA Gymnastics RTCC, the SACC / RACC or the State / Regional NAWGJ Director.

2) Reviews the following procedures with judges:
a) Logistics of meet / scoring system, meet mechanics, etc.
b) Rule changes
c) Equipment issues
d) Information from Meet Director
e) Professional protocol reminder
d. Assigns Chief and panel judges to their respective events, as requested by State Administrative Committee (SAC) or Regional Administrative Committee (RAC) for State and Regional Championships. It is strongly recommended that SAC / RAC assign the duty of event assignments to the designated Meet Referee
3) Criteria for assignment MUST be followed.
4) If Meet Referee is also Chief Judge, the assigning official may make event assignments. 3) At local, pre-sectional and sectional meets, assigning official may make event assignments.
e. May observe and/or give opinion during conferences
f. Is available for counsel, upon request of Chief Judge.
g. May counsel Chief Judge when, in her / his opinion, the average score and / or score of Chief Judge seems out of line with scoring in the competition.
h. May recommend, but never force, a change of any score.
i. Corrects and signs official score sheets after any change of score
j. Gives any technical or judging information pertinent to competition to Meet Director or organizing committee for distribution
. Acts as final authority in all technical matters involving judges, timers, line judges, flashers, and event tabulators.

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## MEET REFEREE (who may also act as a Chief Judge) (continued)

I. Notates a warning given by Chief Judge concerning incorrect attire or signaling with a verbal cue. She / he will then notify Chief Judge on the other events that a warning has been given so that appropriate deductions may be applied.
m. Upon notification from Chief Judge, issues a warning to coach for unsportsmanlike conduct. Follow USA Gymnastics' Safe Sport policy and coaches behavior policy in Rules and Policies. This would also be applied for excessive cheers and / or behavior of teammates, or the coach who is disruptive to the competition.
n. Will be available for a minimum of five minutes following last competitors' exercises to deal with questions or concerns with technical decisions and / or judges' scores
Serves as president of Jury of Appeals.
p. May be an affiliated judge
q. Indicates any violations of Rules and Policies on the sanction report form or notifies USA Gymnastics Member Services directly in writing by email.
r. Is responsible for compiling and checking information regarding judges' fees and expenses for Meet Director
s. Checks with scoring personnel to verify that scores for all gymnasts are entered and all inquiries have been resolved
t. Issues a warning to coach and notifies Meet Director if she / he observes more than one gymnast on UB at the same time during any warm-up (timed or 30 -second touch).
u. Monitors judging panels to ensure appropriate use of electronic tablets for judging and reference purposes
v. Determines with Meet Director the designated time for judging panels to leave and to return to field of play between sessions.

- Judges are required to remain on competition floor until Meet Referee releases them to begin break time. The first 30 minutes following the first session (or first two sessions) are designated as the official break time, in which it is allowable for judge(s) to leave the meet site. Any additional break time will be compensated; therefore, the judge MUST remain on site.
C. CHIEF JUDGE

1. Prepares judges for correct evaluation of exercises prior to competition at judges' meeting
2. Advises Meet Director of any equipment safety concerns or non-approved equipment; checks that all materials necessary are available and functioning properly, including:
a. Light or time signals
b. Stopwatches
3. Instructs judging assistants to assure their knowledge of:
a. Correct use of signal to indicate line violations.
b. Correct use of stopwatch and timing device to indicate time limitations.
c. Proper reporting procedures for the following violations:
1) Exceeding time allowed
2) Stepping out of Floor Exercise area
d. Correct method of scoring being used.
e. Correct procedures for flashing of start values, individual scores and / or average score
4. Is responsible for correct work of her / his panel and assistant judges.
5. Uses a green flag or hand signal to acknowledge presentation of gymnast.
6. Must evaluate exercises accurately without bias and MUST first write (or enter into electronic scoring system) her / his own score before reviewing scores from other judges.
7. Must determine and record score and SV , as well as record deductions for execution
amplitude, artistry, compositional errors and neutral deductions.

- Should write the European 7

8. Verifies that scores fall within proper range.
9. Verifies that score of Chief Judge, panel judge(s), average score and time / line deductions are properly recorded during the competition
a. It is NOT necessary to sign official score sheet
b. Judges MUST keep a record of scores on a heat sheet.
10. Confirms when a gymnast may repeat an exercise (or portion of the exercise) due to technical failure and determines when the repetition (or continuation) will occur
a. A flash from a camera is NOT a valid reason to allow gymnast to repeat exercise
b. These decisions MUST be made in consultation with the Meet Referee prior to the score being flashed.
11. Is responsible for calling a conference if an impossible SV has been awarded and / or for other reasons to assist judges in arriving at a common basis for scoring during competition.
12. Terminates an exercise if (after a fall) gymnast exceeds allotted fall time.

- If an injury occurs, fall time begins when medical assessment is complete.
a. Vault (after fall on first VT, once gymnast is standing on feet) $=45$ seconds to salute for second VT
b. Uneven Bars (once standing up on feet) $=45$ seconds.
c. Balance Beam (once standing up on feet) $=45$ seconds.
d. A bleeding wound (or any other injury due to a fall) does NOT give gymnast the right to repeat exercise. Once the wound is covered, the gymnast may resume routine from where she left off.

13. Reports to Meet Referee or Jury of Appeals if any of the following is observed:
a. Incorrect gymnast attire
b. Unsportsmanlike conduct of coach (after warning).
c. Excessive cheers or behavior disruptive to competition by teammates or coach.

EXAMPLE: Gymnasts standing around FX area, blocking view of judges and / or spectators.
d. Team fails to observe specified warm-up time (after a warning). Deduction would be applied to team event score where infraction occurred
Coach or teammates warned about technical verbal cues
14. Is responsible for responding, in conjunction with panel judge(s), to an inquiry in a professional manner.
15. May NOT be affiliated at any sanctioned qualifying meets.

- EXCEPTION: affiliated judges may be assigned as $C J$ at non-qualifying invitational meets.

16. Takes deduction from average score for the FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS. Deduction MUST be indicated to coach either verbally or by visual means at conclusion of exercise.

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## CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTIONS (continued)

0.20 Excessive use of magnesia (chalk) or incorrect use of tape

Vault
Vault

1. Runway: Athletic tape or Velcro strips (NO CHALK) may be placed on VT runway, provided that such markings are removed no later than end of rotation.
$\checkmark$ Maximum width of the Velcro strip or athletic tape is 5 cm . (2").
$\checkmark$ Maximum length is 3 feet.
Judge MUST issue a warning (before taking a deduction) if measurement is Judge MUST issue a warning (before taking
exceeded or if markings are NOT removed.
2. Table: Use of tape or excessive magnesia (chalk) is NOT permitted on VT table.

## BALANCE BEAM

Small chalk markings may be placed on BB (tape markings NOT allowed).
FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Spreading of magnesia on FX area NOT allowed; only small marks allowed.
2. A single-line arc drawn in corner of FX area is acceptable
3. No Velcro or tape markings are allowed within $F X$ area.
4. Tape markings are allowed at corners of FX area to indicate boundary line in Max 0.30 Unauthorized or additional mats,

## Springboard on unauthorized surface,

## Springboard on unauthorized surface,

0.30

Lands UB / BB dismount or FX Acro Salto in

## Failure to remove board / mounting apparatus after moun

Failure to remove board or authorized spotting device
after UB release element.
including incorrect spring configurations
Starting
Starting exercise before signal is give
(deduct from repeated performance)

- If gymnast starts exercise before).
and repeat performance immediately.


## Coach on the FX area (inside the border marking)

(Levels $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10$ )

- No deduction if coach is in FX area to remove an object fallen from gymnast (i.e., metal hair clip, eyeglasses, etc.). Absence of music or music with words or song / speech Refer to Section 5 Floor Exercise for specifics.
1.00

Performance of a one-arm vault:

- At least half of the VT panel MUST see that only one hand touched VT table.
2.00 Short exercises (applies to complete or incomplete routines).
- UB routine with less than 5 Value Parts (VP)
- EXCEPTION: Refer to Level 6 , Section 4 Balance Beam for specifics.


## D. PANEL JUDGES

1. Must evaluate the exercises quickly and accurately, without bias.
2. Must record VP, Bonus, Special Requirements (SR) and SV, as well as record deductions for execution / amplitude, artistry, and compositional errors.
3. Must include on score slip to send to CJ (if electronic score input is NOT available for each judge): a. Judge's initials and assigned number.
b. Competitor number, SV and score.
c. Notification if a deduction was taken for coach spotting gymnast.
d. Notification if gymnast
d. Notification if gymnast exceeded border marking on FX (if no line judges are present); should attempt to signal any such violation by raising hand
e. Should write European 7.
4. Must flash SV after sending score to CJ.
5. When changing a score, judge MUST cross out first score, initial change and write in new score; do NOT erase.
6. May be affiliated; however, there may NOT be more than one judge per panel with same affiliation.

## E. JUDGING ASSISTANTS

1. Do NOT evaluate or score the exercise.
2. Signal and record specific faults and penalties to assist Chief Judge (CJ).
3. Types of judging assistants and the
4. Types of judging assistants and their responsibilities:
a. FX LINE JUDGES:
1) Must be rated official.
2) Signal by raising hand or flag when gymnast steps (or touches some part of body) beyond boundary line.
3) Inform $C J$ in writing of such violation.
b. TIMERS
4) VAULT FALL TIMER
a) CJ must monitor VT fall time on first VT. The watch:

- Starts when gymnast is standing up on her feet.
- Stops when gymnast salutes for her second VT.
b) After 25 seconds have passed, " 20 seconds remaining" is announced.
c) After 35 seconds have passed, " 10 seconds remaining" is announced.
d) At 45 seconds, "TIME" is announced.
e) A second VT is NOT allowed after "TIME" is announced.

2) UNEVEN BARS FALL TIMER:
a) Is responsible for correct timing of falls. The watch:

- Starts when the gymnast is standing up on her feet after a fall.
- Stops when the gymnast leaves the floor to re-mount.
b) After 25 seconds have passed, " 20 seconds remaining" is announced.
c) After 35 seconds have passed, " 10 seconds remaining" is announced.
d) At 45 seconds, "TIME" is announced.


## SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION - SCORING - CHAPTER 2

## 1. DETERMINING AVERAGE SCORE

A. WITH FOUR-JUDGE PANEL:

1. Establish final average score in the following manner:
a. Highest and lowest scores = eliminated
b. Two middle scores are averaged by.
1) Adding them together, then
2) Divided by two:

EXAMPLE:


| Judge 2: | 9.00 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Judge 3: | 9.20 |


|  | 9.20 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Juadge 3: | 9.30 |

$9.20+9.30=18.50 / 2 \quad 9.25$ average score
2. The average score determines allowable range between two counting scores.
3. If two counting scores are out of range, CJ calls conference.

## B. WITH TWO-JUDGE PANEL:

1. Establish the final average score in the following manner:
a. The two scores are added together, then
b. Divided by two: EXAMPLE

| Chief Judge 1: | 7.80 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Judge 2. | 7.50 |

Judge 2:
The average score determines the allowable range between the two scores
3. If the two scores are out of range, CJ calls a conference.

## II. RANGE OF SCORES

A. ALLOWABLE RANGE OF SCORES

The difference between the two middle scores (or the two scores when only two judges are used) at a
SA Gymnastics Dev Program optional competition is:

| If the average score is between: | The two counting scores MUST be <br> within a range of: |
| :---: | :---: |
| $9.500-10.000$ | 0.20 pt. |
| $9.000-9.475$ | 0.50 pt |
| $8.000-8.975$ | 0.70 pt |
| Below 8.00 | 1.00 pt. |

- Whenever a zero score is one of the counting scores, allowable score range does NOT apply.


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1. Called (and led) by CJ when there is too great a difference between the two counting scores, or if an impossible SV has been awarded.
2. All judges MUST attend conference at location designated by CJ.
3. Meet Referee may be notified of and / or be included in the discussion.
4. In this conference, the discrepancy is resolved by one of the following procedures: a. The SV differences will be clarified.
b. Mathematical procedures are checked for accuracy.
c. Adjustments are made in scores to conform to allowable range
d. It is professional responsibility of judges to come to an agreement if their scores are initially out of range.
e. If judges are unable to compromise, Chief Judge may mandate that scores be brought into allowable range
III. ROUTINE EVALUATION
A. ROUTINES EVALUATED IN 0.05 INCREMENTS
at all Development Program competitions.

## B. FINAL SCORE OF 1.00

will be awarded for any optional exercise that results in a score equal to or less than one (1.00) point.

## C. OPEN SCORING:

Either manually or electronically flashing each judge's score or by writing each judge's score on each gymnast's competitor card. Open scoring is.

1. Required at Level 10 Nationals and Level 9 Eastern / Western Championships.
2. Allowed at Regional Championships (determined by the RAC).
3. Allowed at optional State Championships (determined by SAC).
4. Allowed at optional invitationals, at discretion of the Meet Director.
5. NOT allowed at any compulsory meet, including compulsory State Championships (per R\&P),
6. Procedures for open scoring:
a. Each judge MUST independently determine her / his score.
b. Each judge MUST record SV and final score on judging slip and send it to CJ via the runner. - If electronic scoring system is used, judge MUST first enter score electronically, then flash

SV manually. c. After CJ rec

After CJ receives all judging
scores and average score are then flashed on score flashing unit.
. If score is changed as a result of a conference, adjusted score should be re-flashed as a "corrected score".

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFO - EVALUATION OF OPTIONAL EXERCISES - CHAPTER 3
VI. BONUS - SPECIFIC GUIDELINES
for awarding element combination Bonus are discussed in each apparatus chapter
A. OPTIONAL EXERCISE REQUIREMENT FORMULA

|  |  | Level 10 | Level 9 | Level 8 | Level 7 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| A. VALUE PARTS (VP) | 2.20 | 2.00 | $\frac{1.60}{}$ | 1.10 | 0.80 |
| B. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (SR) | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| C. BONUS | 0.50 | 0.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| D. EXECUTION, COMPOSITION * |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ AND ARTISTRY (BB, FX) | 5.30 | 5.70 | 6.40 | $* 6.90$ | $* 7.20$ |
|  | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
|  | *Compositional deductions are NOT applied at Levels $6 / 7$. |  |  |  |  |

VII. CALCULATING SV AT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMPETITIONS A. ALL JUDGES DETERMINE THE START VALUE.
B. IT IS NOT MANDATORY THAT THE JUDGES AGREE ON THE SV, but if a judge has calculated an impossible start value, a conference MUST be held.

## C. STEPS IN DETERMINING THE START VALUE:

The competitive level of the gymnast determines the SV

1. ADD any Bonus
a. Level 6 / 7 / 8 are NOT eligible for Bonus. Maximum SV is 10.00
b. Level 9 is eligible to earn Bonus points for both $C V$ and " $D / E$ " Bonus.

Maximum SV is 10.00 , with a maximum of 0.30 in Bonus

1) $0.30 \mathrm{CV}, \mathrm{OR}+0.20 \mathrm{CV}$ and +0.10 for the first allowable or restricted " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ "
(UB - any D/E; BB/FX - Acro D/E)
2) The first restricted (UB/BB/FX) or allowable (UB) "D/E" element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus.
a) If the " $D / E$ " element receiving VP credit results in a fall or spot, no Bonus is awarded
b) Additional restricted " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " elements performed later in exercise will NOT be considered for Bonus.

- Exception on Uneven Bars: Refer to Uneven Bars- Section 3, Chapter 4

3) Allowable " $D / E$ 's" and the first restricted " $D / E$ " count as " $C$ " in Connection Value Principles.
4) For each additional restricted " $D / E$ " element that meets the requirement to receive a $V P$ credit, deduct 0.50 from SV for the restricted element and do NOT award VP or SR credit.

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## STEPS IN DETERMINING THE START VALUE (continued):

c. Level 10 is eligible to earn Bonus for both CV and " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus, with a minimum of +0.10 for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " and a minimum of +0.10 for CV . The remaining 0.30 may be earned by " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus or CV Bonus.
Maximum SV is 10.00

1) If the exercise contains +0.50 in CV Bonus and no "D/E", the SV will be 9.90 .
2) If the exercise includes +0.60 or more total Bonus with one " $E$ " element ( $B B / F X=$ Acro " $E$ "), the exercise is eligible for an additional Bonus of +0.10 . Shall be flashed as +0.10 along with SV, NOT included in the SV.
a) Each judge adds the Bonus to her / his score and MUST visibly (by means of a placard or other signage) indicate that the additional Bonus was awarded.
b) If using paper score slips, the judge should also indicate in writing any Bonus awarded. 3) If the exercise contains +0.60 or more in " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus, but no CV Bonus, the SV will be 9.90 and is NOT eligible for the additional +0.10 Bonus.
2. DEDUCT from the SV
a. Missing Value Parts (VP)
b. Missing Special Requirements (SR) ( 0.50 each $)$
c. Exercise is without a dismount ( 0.30 )
d. Performance of restricted elements ( 0.50 each)

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$\checkmark$ Connection Value (CV) $(+0.10$
$\checkmark$ Missing one Special Requirement (SR) (-0.50)
$\checkmark$ All Value Part (VP) requirements are met - two "D" replace missing "B" and "C $C$ "
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at
$=9.50$
$=9.60$
$\begin{array}{rlr}\checkmark \text { Add }+0.10 \text { for CV } & =9.60 \\ \checkmark \text { Add }+0.20 \text { for "D/E" Bonus } & =9.80\end{array}$
$\checkmark$ Deduct 0.50 missing one SR $\quad=9.30 \mathrm{SV}$
2. LEVEL $10 \quad 3$ " A "

Gymnast performs: $3^{\text {" }}$
$\checkmark \mathrm{CV}(+0.30)$
$\checkmark$ CV (+ 0.30)
$\checkmark$ All VP requirements are met
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at
$\begin{array}{ll}\checkmark & \text { Add }+0.30 \text { for CV } \\ \checkmark & \text { Add }+0.30 \text { for " } D / E " \text { Bonus }\end{array}$
$=9.50$
$=9.80 \mathrm{SV}+0.10$ additional Bonus
3. LEVEL $9 \quad 3$ " A " 4 " B " 1 " C " $=8$ required VP $\frac{1}{1 " C}$ " "C" $\quad 8$ required VP

$\checkmark \mathrm{CV}(+0.10)$
$\checkmark$ Missing one SR (- $-\mathbf{0 . 5 0}$ )
$\checkmark$ All VP requirements are met
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at
$\checkmark$ Add +0.10 for CV
$\checkmark$ Deduct 0.50 missing one SR
$\checkmark$ Deduct $\underline{0.50}$ performing 2nd restricted "D
$=9.70$
$=9.80$
$=9.80$
$=9.90$
$=9.90$
$=9.40$
4. LEVEL 8


Gymnast performs: ${ }^{3}$ " $\mathrm{A}^{\prime}$
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at
$\checkmark$ Deduct $\frac{1.30}{0.30}$ missing one "A" VP @ 0.10
$\checkmark$ Deduct $\frac{1.00}{1.0}$ missing two SR
$=8.90 \mathrm{SV}$
5. LEVEL $\mathbf{7} \quad \mathbf{5}$ "A" $\quad \mathbf{2}$ "B" $=8$ required VP

Gymnast performs: $\quad 4^{4} \mathrm{~A}$ "
$\checkmark$ Missing one $\mathrm{SR}(-0.50)$
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at
$\checkmark$ Deduct 0.10 missing one "A" VP @ 0.10
$\checkmark$ Deduct 0.30 missing one "B" VP @ 0.30
$\checkmark$ Deduct 0.50 missing one SR
$=10.00$
$=9.90$
$=9.60$

LEVEL 6
Gymnast performs:
$\checkmark$ All SR are met
$\checkmark$ Exercise starts at $=10.00$
Deduct 0.10 missing one " $A$ " VP @ $0.10 \quad=9.90$ SV

## SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFO -UNUSUAL JUDGING SITUATIONS - CHAPTER 4

I. INCOMPLETE EXERCISE (Optional Levels 6 /7/8/9/10)

If a gymnast is unable to complete her exercise, the score will be determined in the usual way, by determining SV and deducting any appropriate execution / amplitude, composition, and specific apparatus deductions
A deduction of 2.00 is taken from final average score by the Chief Judge if:

## A. UNEVEN BAR EXERCISE CONTAINS LESS THAN FIVE VP.

- Completed UB routine that contains less than five VPs will also receive a 2.00 deduction.
B. BALANCE BEAM OR FLOOR EXERCISE ROUTINE IS LESS THAN 30 SECONDS.

1. The 2.00 deduction is taken when a gymnast performs a completed or an incomplete exercise that is less than 30 seconds.
2. EXCEPTION: refer to Level 6 -Section 4 - Balance Beam for specifics.
II. EQUIPMENT FAILURE / RESUME EXERCISE AT POINT OF INTERRUPTION In situations where there is an equipment failure, either competitive apparatus, personal equipment (including broken or completely torn handgrips) or music failure, occurring through no fault of gymnas or coach, gymnast may choose to:

## A. STOP IMMEDIATELY AND REQUEST

1. Chief Judge, in consultation with Meet Referee, decides at what point the exercise mus resume.
2. Gymnast would perform from the point of interruption after a reasonable amount of rest time.
3. Equipment failure does NOT include:

- unfastening of bandages or handgrip
- loss or partial loss of footwear
- incorrect bar setting
- or failure to tighten cables / T-handles on UB and BB
- A flash from a camera
B. ON FLOOR EXERCISE: CONTINUE TO COMPLETE THE ROUTINE


## At the completion of routine:

1. Gymnast and coach must decide whether to resume routine at point of music failure or accep score given
2. Judges will NOT post the score until that decision is made.
3. No deduction would be taken for absence of music if decision is to accept score.

SECTION 2 - OPTIONAL VAULT - GENERAL INFORMATION


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## I. APPARATUS SPECIFICATIONS / RULINGS

## A. USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S RULES AND POLICIES (R\&P)

1. See Chapter 11: Apparatus Requirements in Women's $R \& P$ for specific equipment regulations
2. Requirements are subject to change every competitive year, beginning August 1 .

## B. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM VAULT VALUE CHARTS

1. See Appendices
2. USA Gymnastics website (www usagym.org) - Women's Program - Rules - Optional Code of Points for the most current information.

## C. USE OF TAPE OR CHALK ON TABLE OR RUNWAY

1. Vault table: tape or chalk NOT permitted.
2. Runway: chalk is NOT permitted. Athletic tape or Velcro strips may be used.
3. CJ must issue warning first, then takes 0.20 deduction if NOT removed.
D. VAULT RUNWAY

It is coach's responsibility to ensure that tape measure is properly and securely placed along the
Vault runway.

- NOT considered apparatus or personal equipment failure if the tape measure becomes unsecured
or moves from its original position in relation to the Vault table,
E. HAND PLACEMENT MAT

1. The hand placement mat may be used for front handspring onto board and Round-off entry Vaults.

- It may NOT be placed on runway as a visual aid for any other forward entry Vaults at any level.

2. If hand placement mat slips on the runway:
a. It is NOT considered apparatus or personal equipment failure
b. This is NOT a reason to repeat the Vault without penalty
c. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that the mat is placed properly with the Velcro secure.

## F. "SAFETY ZONE" MAT

1. Failure to use the Safety Zone mat when performing a front Handspring onto the Vaulting board
. or Round-off entry Vault would result in a "0" (VOID) score for the Vault.
2. For Front Handspring onto board and Round-off entry Vaults, the Safety Zone mat must be
placed in the proper direction (snugly around the board), or the Vault is invalid - "0" (VOID) - There is no deduction if the mat is NOT placed snugly around the board
G. ALTERNATIVE SPRINGBOARDS (trampoline-like, junior board, inflatable rebounding device)
3. NOT allowed at any optional level.
4. If used, Vault is VOID.
H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATTING (sting mat, 4" throw mat, 8 " skill cushion)
5. Chief Judge (CJ) takes a 0.30 deduction from average score for use of any unauthorized or additional matting.
6. Conversion for inches to centimeters:

| Approx. $3 / 4$ inch | 2 cm |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4 inches | 10 cm |
| $41 / 2$ inches | 12 cm |
| 8 inches | 20 cm |

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## F. MISCELLANEOUS VAULT RULES

1. Arrival on Vault table
a. May occur from a run with forward arrival on board with both feet.
b. Moy occur from a run with backward arrival on board with both feet from

Round-off-Levels $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10$
c. May occur from a run with a forward arrival on the board with both feet from a front handspring - Levels 9 / 10 only.

2 All Vaults must be performed with support of both hands on the Vault table.
a. If neither hand makes contact with the Vault table, the Vault is scored "0" (VOID).
b. CJ takes the 1.00 deduction from the average score for the performance of a one-arm Vault, if at least half of the Vault panel saw that only one hand touched the Vault table.
3. All Vaults must land with the feet first on the landing mat to be considered for Value Part (VP) credit.
a. Landing on the feet first is defined as "any part of the bottom of the foot touching the
b. Any Vault that fails to land on the feet first will be scored "0" (VOID)

- Exception: Level 7 Tsukahara/ Yurchenko entry Vaults.
c. The Vault is scored if the gymnast falls, landing on hands and bottom of fee
simultaneously.
d. If the gymnast lands standing, sitting, or lying on top of the Vault table, it is a "0" (VOID)
e. At all sanctioned competitions, if there is a question whether the gymnast lands on the feet first on the mat, video review will be allowed if available and decisive. If video review is NOT available, the score will be averaged, regardless of range.
f. Whenever a zero score is one of the counting scores, the allowable score range does NOT apply.

4. LEVEL 10 gymnasts may perform any Vault listed on the Level 10 Vault value chart (see Appendix). All Vault values listed in the Vault element illustration section of the Dev Code of Appendix). Al rauit values isted in the Vaul
Points (COP) refer to the values for Level 10
a. For Level 10 only, all 10.0 SV Vaults performed successfully (no fall or spot) are eligible for a bonus of +0.10 . EXCEPT those marked with an asterisk: \#2.302, \#2.311, \#3.407, \#4.306, \#4.309, \#4.403, \#4.407, \#5.301, \#5.408, and \#5.409.
b. Each judge adds placard or other signage) indicate that the bonus was awarded
c. If using paper score slips, the judge should also indicate in writing any bonus awarded.
5. LEVEL 9 gymnasts may perform only specific Vaults from the five groups found on the Level 9 Vault value chart in the Appendix.
6. LEVEL 8 Vault regulations
a. Only specific Vaults from Groups $1 / 3 / 4 / 5$ are permitted. Refer to the Level 8 Vault Value Chart in the Appendix.
b. Since Level 8 is the first level at which Salto Vaults are allowed, spotting assistance in the post-flight of SALTO Vaults at Level 8 ONLY will NOT void the Vault. A 1.00 penalty will be
c. If a fall on the landing occurs after spotting assistance, an additional 0.50 deduction is taken for the fall.

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## MISCELIANEOUS VAULT RULES (continued)

## 7. LEVEL $6 / 7$ Vault descriptions

Choice \#1-\#1.111-Handspring
a. Execute a front handspring entry Vault to arrive on the Mat Stack on the feet in a straight
body position with a tight arch in the upper back; arm position optional.
b. The evaluation ends when the gymnast's feet make contact with the mat stack.
c. Additional forward movement (run, roll, etc.) after landing on the feet is allowed prior to finishing in a
controlled standing position before saluting the judge
d. Body position will NOT be evaluated after the feet
contact the Mat Stack.
e. No flipping in any phase of any Vault, or after the feet Result is a "0" VOID Vault.


## Choice \#2 - \#3.116 - Tsukahara entry

Choice \#3 - \#4.111 - Round-off entry (Yurchenko)
a. Execute a Round-off entry (Yurchenko) or Tsukahara entry Vault to arrive on the mat stack on the feet (Level 6/7) or on the back (Level 7 only) in a straight-hollow body
b. The evaluation ends when the
b. The evaluation ends when the gymnast's feet (Level 6/7) EXCEPTION: under-rotation resulting in steps towards the table will be deducted.
c. Additional backward movement (backward steps, fall to the back, backward roll, etc.) after landing on the feet is lowed prior to finishing in a controlled standing position before saluting the judge.
d. Body position will NOT be evaluated after the feet (Level 6/7), or body (Level 7 only) make(s) contact with the Mat Stack.
No flipp
e. No flipping in any phase of any Vault or after the feet touch
 the mat to indicate the completion of the Vault. Result is a "0" VOID Vault
8. Unknown Vault: If a gymnast attempts a Vault listed on the Vault Value Chart for her level but does not complete it, resulting in a Vault that is not found on the chart, the Vault is scored " 0 " (VOID). However, the gymnast does NOT receive a "0" (VOID) as the final score for the event if the second Vault is a legitimate Vault.
9. Restricted Vault - Levels 6, 7, 8, 9: if either of the two Vaults performed are Vaults that are NOT allowed, the gymnast would receive a final score of " 0 " (VOID) for that event because a restricted
Vault was performed.
 Vault was performed.

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 MISCELLANEOUS VAULT RULES (continued)10. Vault clarifications

Group 1 (forward entry without Salto)
a. All Group 1 Vaults that have a turn in pre-flight may be performed with $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ to $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ LA (long axis) turn in the first flight phase.
b. All Group 1 Vaults with a twist in both the first and second flight phase, the twist may be performed in either direction.

Group 3 (Tsukahara entry)
a. A slight arm bend of the lead arm is allowed for all Group 3 Vaults.
b. All Group 3 Vaults may be performed with $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ to $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ LA turn in the first flight phase

There is NO deduction for incomplete turn.
c. No deduction for incomplete turn for all Group 3 Vaults performed with $1 / 4-1 / 2$ turn on and $3 / 4$ $1 / 2$ turn off to a Salto Forward.

Group 5 (Round-off with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ or $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in entry)

- All Group 5 Vaults described as having a $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ LA turn in the first flight phase with a Salto Backward in the second flight phase may be performed with a $3 / 4$ (270 ) to $1 / 1$ ( $360^{\circ}$ ) LA turn in the first flight phase.

11. Warm-up procedures
a. Timed warm-up: refer to Chapter 9: Meet Warm-Ups in the R\&P
1) During competition, it is NOT considered additional warm-up time if a gymnast who is next to compete on Vault runs or jumps on the Vault runway following the previous
The etitor's final Vault.
2) The gymnast may NOT run or jump in front of the Vault judges' table.
3) A warning would be given in this instance for exceeding warm-up time.
b. Touch warm-up: refer to Chapter 9: Competition ( 30 -second touch) warm-ups in the $R \& P$.

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12 Timing falls
a. If a gymnast falls on her first Vault attempt, fall time begins when the gymnast is standing on her feet.
b. If an injury occurs, fall time begins after medical assessment is complete
c. If the allotted fall time ( 45 seconds) is exceeded, a second Vault will NOT be allowed
c. If the allotted fall time ( 45 seconds) is exceed

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LEVEL $6 / 7$ VAULT SPECIFIC APPARATUS DEDUCTION CHART

| No |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Deduction | Balk \＃1：run approach without coming to rest or support on top of the VT table |
|  | Balk \＃2 or balk \＃3 |

## VOID Balk \＃2 or balk \＃3

0.50 Vaults without signal from chief judge

Vaults whout signal from chief judge
－CJ deducts 0.50 from average of next completed Vault
7४ソヨNヨコ Coach standing between board and table
－EXCEPTION：no deduction if gymnast performs a Round－off（Yurchenko）entry Spotting assistance during the vault
0.50 Spotting assistance upon landing

|  | up to 0.30 |
| ---: | :--- |
| －Insufficient dynamics（ |  |

VOID

| VOID | Vault performed is not one of the allowable choices |
| :--- | :--- |


| Fail to use a mat stack for landing |
| :--- | :--- |

Fail to use Safety Zone mat for Round－off entry Vaults
Use of alternative springboard
（trampoline－like／junior board／in
Use of alternative springboard
（trampoline－like／junior board／inflatable rebounding device）

|  | up to 0.10 | Incorrect foot form（flexed／sickled） |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | INCORRECT LEG FORM |
|  | up to 0.10 | Legs crossed |
|  | up to 0.20 | Legs separated |
|  | up to 0.30 | Legs bent |
|  |  | POOR TECHNIQUE |
|  | up to 0.10 | Failure to maintain neutral head position |
|  | up to 0.20 | Excessive arch |
|  | up to 0.30 | Hip angle |




## SECTION 3 - UNEVEN BARS - GENERAL INFORMATION - CHAPTER 1



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## 1. APPARATUS SPECIFICATIONS / RULINGS

## A. USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S RULES AND POLICIES (R\&P)

1. See Chapter 11: Apparatus Requirements in Women's $R \& P$ for specific equipment regulations.

2 Requirements are subject to change every competitive year, beginning August 1.
B. SUPPLEMENTAL MATTING (sting mat, 4 " throw mat, 8 " skill cushion)

1. Chief Judge (CJ) takes a 0.30 deduction from average score for use of any unauthorized or additional matting.
2 Conversion for Inches to Centimeters:
$\qquad$
C. MATTING REGULATIONS FOR MOUNTS

- CJ takes a 0.30 deduction from the average score if
.

2. Board is NOT removed after mounting.
II. ATTIRE REGULATIONS
A. HIP OR HEEL PADDING NOT ALLOWED
3. Chief Judge (CJ) deducts 0.20 from the average score if hip / heel padding is used.
4. CJ notices the heel pads prior to the mount, a warning must be given
5. Deduction must be taken if heel pads are worn during routine (with or without warning).
B. BANDAGES, HAND / WRIST GUARDS AND SUCH ARE ALLOWED:
6. Must be securely fastened.
. Broken or completely torn handgrip will be treated as equipment failure and gymnast has The gymnast must immediately show the broken handgrip to the $C J$.
7. Bandages, etc. that become loose or unfastened do NOT constitute equipment failure; therefore, no repetition allowed
III. TIMING REGULATIONS
A. WARM-UP REGULATIONS:

- Only one gymnast at a time is allowed on the bars during any warm-up (General / open, timed or 30 -second touch).
B. SPECIFIC MEET FORMATS ALLOW TOUCH WARM-UP

1. Gymnasts are allowed a 30 -second touch warm-up period.
a. Setting of Bars and / or board is NOT included in 30 -second touch warm-up time
. Warning is given when warm-up time is exceeded.
c. CJ deducts 0.20 from the average score if gymnast continues to warm-up after a warning
is issued for exceeding the warm-up time.
2. Immediately prior to performing the exercise:
a. May run and jump onto the board and briefly touch the bars without penalty,
b. CJ deducts 0.20 from the average score for performing or practicing an element (exceeding the warm-up time)

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## C. TIMING OF FALLS

1. Allowed 45 seconds to re-mount the bar after a fall
2. Does NOT re-mount within 45 seconds, exercise is terminated
a. Fall time begins when gymnast is standing on her feet.
b. 45 -sf an injury occurs, fall time begins after medical assessment is complete

45 -second fall time stops when gymnast leaves the floor to re-mount in preparation to resume
While off the
will be the apparatus following a fall and once the gymnast is standing on her feet, a warni
a. Timer gives notification " 20 seconds remaining" and " 10 seconds remaining" in the
fall time.
"Time" is called at 45 seconds
4. Gymnast attempts to re-mount UB after a fall:
a. Falls again, prior to resuming routine
b. Deduct 0.50 for a second fall.
c. Any subsequent fall will allow for an additional 45 -second fall time.
IV. BAR FALL REGULATIONS
A. MAY CHALK UP AND ADJUST GRIPS DURING THE FALL TIME

- Gymnast may NOT go outside of competition area


## B. COACH MAY SPEAK TO GYMNAS

1. During fall time without penalty.
2. Once gymnast re-mounts, coach may NOT give verbal assistance
3. Coach NOT allowed to ask judge if element received VP credit before gymnast re-mounts apparatus.
C. GYMNAST FALLS AND DOES NOT RE-MOUNT to finish with a dismount element
4. Deduct 0.50 for the fall
5. Deduct 0.50 from Start Value (SV) for the missing dismount Special Requirement (SR) specific to the level.
6. Deduct for any SV for no dismount.
7. Deduct for $n$ other missing SRs
8. Deduct for missing Value Parts (VP),
9. CJ deducts 2.00 from average score:

- Applies to an exercise consisting of fewer than five VPs.
D. AFTER A FALL:

1. Judging resumes once an element listed in the Dev COP is performed.

Gymnast allowed to jump (or be lifted) to high bar (HB)
a. May take a maximum of two "pump" swings to initiate momentum to resume the exercise without penalty.
b. If more than two "pump" swings, deduct 0.30 for the third pump swing (the first extra swing).
c. Maximum deduction $=0.50$ for consecutive extra swings.
3. Levels $6 / 7 / 8 / 9$ allowed to perform more than one planned cast squat / pike / straddle on (with or without backward sole circle) to jump to HB without penalty
4. Level 10 allowed to perform only one planned cast squat / pike / straddle-on
(with or without backward sole circle) to jump to HB without penalty.

- EXCEPTION: Following a fall from the UB, the gymnast is allowed to perform a ast squat/pike-on to resume her routine without receiving a 0.10 deduction, even if a squat/pike-on was performed earlier in the routine.

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5. Gymnast re-mounts with a glide kip, stop in a front support to crawl or stand on low bar (LB). a. Deduct 0.10 for uncharacteristic elemen
b. Deduct 0.10 for lack of continuity.
6. Gymnast performs cast squa
a. Do NOT consider it a fall.
a. Take any applicable execution deductions (bent arms / legs, touch of mat with feet, etc.)
V. SPOTTING REGULATIONS
A. COACH ASSISTS / SPOTS GYMNAST DURING AN ELEMENT:

1. Each judge deducts 0.50 for the spot
2. Additional 0.50 deduction for falls after the spot.
3. VP credit, SR or bonus credit (if applicable) NOT awarded.
4. Do NOT deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount for a dismount spot, even though the
dismount receives no VP credit.
B. COACH SPOTS GYMNAST UPON LANDING THE DISMOUNT:
5. Each judge deducts 0.50 for the spot.
6. Award VP spot, each judge also deducts 0.50 for fall.
7. Award VP and SR credit.
8. No "D/E" or CV bonus awarded.
C. COACH INADVERTENTLY CONTACTS GYMNAST WITHOUT ASSISTING:
9. VP credit awarded.
10. SR credit awarded
11. No "D/E" or CV bonus awarded
12. NO penalty if gymnast inadvertently contacts coach.

## D. COACH CATCHES A FALLING GYMNAST

1. Do NOT deduct for the spot.
2. Deduct 0.50 for the fall ONLY.
E. RAISED SURFACE FOR SPOTTING RELEASE MOVES
3. Spotting block or folded mat recommended.
4. CJ deducts 0.30 from average score if spotting device is NOT removed
a. No penalty for coach standing on mounting apparatus, provided mounting apparatus
(or spotting device) is removed immediately after the release move is performed.
b. EXCEPTION: Spotting device may remain in place if coach continues to stand on it through multiple releases.
5. Coach may NOT stand on chairs or other items not produced by a gymnastics supply company, a. Warning should be given.
on (use of unauthorized equipment).
F. COACH MAY STEP "BETWEEN" (INSIDE) BARS TO SPOT AN ELEMENT: 1. May NOT remain there for the entire exercise.
6. CJ deducts 0.10 from average score if coach remains between the UB throughout the exercise
G. NO PENALTY FOR COACH LEANING ON BARS WHILE SPOTTING (without touching
gymnast). gymnast).

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REQUIRED TECHNIQUE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF VALUE PARTS (continued) 10. Casts, uprises, and circle elements performed with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn on the upswing - descend
on the same side of the bar:
.
or receive value as listed in the $\operatorname{Dev} C O P$.
Timing of initiation of turn is irrelevant if long swing / circle is completed to within $20^{\circ}$ of ertical.
c. Angle it completion of turn detern.
d. Element never swings / circles up into the HS phase (within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical), but completes $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn, value will be based on value of the root element. Depending upon angle of ompletion of turn, deductions for late completion may be appropriate. XAMPLES
2) Giant circle backward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn within $21^{\circ}-44^{\circ}$ from vertical Forward upswing finishes $45^{\circ}$ - horizontal from vertical Forward upswing finishes below horizonta
even if $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn is completed.
3) Cast to $21^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$ from vertical with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn (same side of bar) Appropriate deductions for amplitude of cast. even if a $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn is completed.
4) Giant circle forward to $21^{\circ}$ or more from vertical with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn
11. Elements with hop-grip change to HS
a. Hop-grip change to handstand elements receive VP credit when the hop-grip change:

1) shows simultaneous release of the bar with both hands.
2) finishes in different grip (mixed, reverse, mixed-L, L, etc.)
3) is completed by vertical (circle / cast / swing reaches within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical) with hips extended.
b. Requirement(s) missing (any or all) - the element is NOT recognized as an element with a hop-grip change, and therefore
4) receives the value of root element (if applicable)
5) cannot be considered a "flight" element.
6) no SR "flight" credit (if applicable) for the leve
c. Hop-grip change, as well as HS position (with hips extended), MUST be completed to within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical to receive VP credit.
7) Hop-grip change to HS is incomplete (unable to continue over the bar).

- VP credit awarded, provided upswing is within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical and requirements are fulfilled (see list in 11.a.)

2) Hop-grip change occurs on the upswing and is NOT within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical
incomplete and VP credit is NOT awarded
EXAMPLES:
$\checkmark$ Cast and hop to reverse grip on upswing and is NOT within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical,
then falls - No VP credit is awarded.
$\checkmark$ Clear hip circle - hop on upswing and is NOT within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical. No
Cast (or any forward circled.
$\checkmark$ Hop-grip change must be completed bs straddled and hips bent,
$\checkmark$ Show HS position with legs closed and hips extended.
a) Hips are extended through the HS position, but legs are separated throughout or
b) Close after vertical, deduct up to 0.20 for leg separation.
b) Handstand position with extended hips is never achieved
$\checkmark$ Does NOT meet requirement for "flight" element.

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## REQUIRED TECHNIQUE FOR THE RECOGNITION OF VALUE PARTS (continued)

ELEMENTS WITH HOP-GRIP CHANGE TO HANDSTAND (continued)
d. Hop-grip change occurs after the HS position on the descending (downswing) phase. It will retain value of the root element and will NOT meet requirement of a "flight" elemen EXAMPLE: Cast to HS, pass through vertical over the bar and begin descent phase,
hands hop simultaneously to a reverse grip. Award cast to HS ("B").
e. Hop-grip change with LA (longitudinal axis) turn

1) Hop-grip change to a reverse grip MUST be completed prior to the initiation of the turn EX considered a flight element.
2) Hop-grip change to a reverse grip, followed by a $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn, is considered . Hop-grip
element.
9. Twisting Salto dismounts
a. Incomplete LA (longitudinal axis) twist:
1) $1^{\circ}$ to $44^{\circ}$ of twist missing, deduct $0.05-0.10$
2) $45^{\circ}$ to $89^{\circ}$ of twist missing, deduct $0.15-0.20$

Required end position of turn/twist/


EXAMPLE: $1 \frac{1}{2}$ twisting flyaway dismount ("C") is missing $90^{\circ}$ of twist. Award $1 / 1$ twisting flyaway dismount ("B") VP credit.
Clarification - completion of twists:

1) Twist is completed once the feet land on the floor at the finish of the salto.
2) Degree of twist completed when the feet land on the floor determines the VP credit awarded.
3) Placement of the front foot is decisive for awarding VP credit.

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B. LEVEL 9 UNEVEN BARS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS \& DIFFICULTY RESTRICTIONS 1. Minimum of two bar changes.
2. One flight element, minimum of " B ", excluding dismount
3. Second, different, flight element, minimum of " $C$ ", excluding dismount, OR one element with long axis (LA) turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more), minimum of " B ", excluding mount $/$ dismount
4. Salto dismount, minimum of " $B$ "

1. SR \#1: Minimum of two bar changes
a. No bar change or only one bar change $=$ deduct 0.50 for missing SR.
b. MUST perform VPs on both bars (performing a minimum of two times on one rail and once on he other rail) $\mathrm{HB} \rightarrow \mathrm{LB} \rightarrow \mathrm{HB}$ or $\mathrm{LB} \rightarrow \mathrm{HB} \rightarrow \mathrm{LB}$
XAMPLE: Mount HB, transition to LB, back to HB to dismount = two bar changes.
c. Transfer movement is NOT required to have a value to fulfill bar change.
d. Fall from HB, continued by performing VP on LB - considered a bar change. Climbing onto LB,
jumping to HB - NOT considered a bar change, as no element was performed on LB.
. Free mounts over LB (no contact with LB) - NOT considered a bar change
2. SR \#2: One flight element, minimum of " $B$ ", excluding dismount.

Refer to Level 10 for specifics.
3. SR \#3: Second, different flight element, minimum of "C", excluding dismount, OR one element with long axis (LA) turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more), minimum of " B ", excluding mount / dismount.
LA turn MAY be:
Turn in on the hands
Turn from a long hang swing
NOTE: Requirements \# 2 and \#3 with MUST be bar and $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn
,
5.
D. Only "A" / "B" / "C" elements + any number of "B" or "C" root elements with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to
reverse, L , or mixed-L grip in HS or with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ to HS ("D/Es") are allowed
EXAMPLES of allowable "D's": Cast to handstand and Giant circle backward, both with $1 / 1$ $\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS. Clear hip circle, Stalder circle backward and pike sole circle backward, all with $1 / 2$ turn to reverse, L or mixed-L grip. EXAMPLES of allowable "E's': Clear
backward, all with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS .
Maximum of one restricted " $D / E^{\prime}$ element from any Group is allowed.
b. Maximum of one restricted " $D$,
c. All allowable "D/E" elements:

1) "C" VP credit awarded; $S R$ awarded, if applicable
2) Serve as "C" element in CV Bonus, if applicable
d. Restricted " $D / E$ " elements will be considered in chronological order. Only the first restricted " $D / E$ element in the exercise may be.
3) Awarded "C" VP credit and SR credit, if applicable.
4) Used as "C" element in CV Bonus, if applicable
if the element receives "0" VP credit the first time.
e. First " $D / E$ " (allowable or restricted) receives +0.10 " $D / E$ " Bonus, if performed without a fall or

Any other restricted " D " or " E " element that meets the requirement to receive a VP: 1) Deduct 0.50 from SV for restricted element.
2) No VP or SR credit awarded.
g. All appropriate execution and amplitude deductions are applied to all elements performed whether VP credit is awarded or not.

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C. LEVEL 8 UNEVEN BARS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS \& DIFFICULTY RESTRICTIONS 1. Minimum of one bar change.
2/3. Two " $B$ " elements, same or different:
a. One " B " element with flight, excluding dismount,

One "B" element with minimum $180^{\circ}$ Long Axis (LA) Turn, excluding mount / dismount. b. One " $B$ " $360^{\circ}$ clear circling element from Groups $3 / 6 / 7$, excluding dismount
.

1. SR \#1: Minimum of one bar change.
a. No bar change $=$ deduct 0.50 for missing SR
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b. MUST perform VPs on both bars. (Minimum of $H B \rightarrow L B$ or $L B \rightarrow H B$ )
c. Transfer movement is NOT required to have a value to fulfill the bar change.
d. Fall from HB, continued by performing VP on LB - considered a bar change. Climbing onto LB,
jumping to HB - NOT considered a bar change, as no element was performed on the LB.
e. Free mounts over LB (no contact with LB) - NOT considered a bar change

2/3. SR \#2/3: Two "B" elements, same or different
a. One "B" element with flight, excluding dismount, OR One 1) Turns MUST be an element listed in the Dev COP.

LA Turn may be:
$\checkmark$ Pirouette on the hands
Turn in a flight element
$\checkmark$ Turn from a long hang swing Turn in an underswing with feet on bar and $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn
2) Flight includes release and flight from $L B \rightarrow H B$ or $H B \rightarrow L B$ or catch the same bar
a) \#1.204 Glide, stoop through, back kip-up with straddle cut backward to hang on $B$ (straddle cut catch to hang) ("B")
b) \#2.204 HB-Swing backward with release and $1 / 1$ turn to hang on HB ("B")
c) \#2.205 Counterswing backward in straddle/pike with flight over LB to $\cup_{\downarrow}$
d) \#2.304 HB ("B front support, swing back with release, $1 / 1$ turn to hang on HB
d) $\# 2.304 \mathrm{HB}$ front support, swing back with release, $1 / 1$ turn to hang on HB
(Caslavska pirouette) ("C")
e) \#3.203- Underswing (toe-on) with $1 / 2$ turn and flight over LB to hang on LB ("B") $\underline{\underline{\mid E}}$
f) \#3.301-Clear underswing on LB, release and counter movement forward in flight to
hang on HB ("C") hang on HB ("C")
g) \#4.204- Hang on HB-Long swing forward with $1 / 2$ turn and flight over LB to hang on $L B$ ("B") N
h) \#6.305 Stalder circle backward with release and counter movement forward in flight to hang on HB ("C")
$X \sqrt{ }$
i) \#7.310 Pike sole circle backward on LB, release and counter movement forward in flight to hang on HB ("C")
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## LEVEL 8 UNEVEN BARS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS \& DIFFICULTY RESTRICTIONS continued)

## 2/3. Two "B" elements same or different (continued):

b. One "B" $360^{\circ}$ clear circling element from Groups 3/6/7, excluding dismount

| Group 3 - Clear hip circle | Group 6 - Stalder circles | Group 7 - Circle swings |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

1) "B" $360^{\circ}$ Circling element finishing in a HS or clear support.

NOTE: Circle finishes within $11^{\circ}-20^{\circ}$ AS verical - deduction for insufficient amplitude of
"C" circles is NOT applied at Level 8.
2) Requirement may be performed on LB or HB.
3) Clear hip circle severely lacks amplitude and finishes with hips on bar (never passing through clear support),
a) Deduct 0.50 for missing SR-Circling element was NOT "clear"
b) Award "A" VP credit (for \#7.101 hip circle backward).

EXAMPLES:

1) Clear hip circle to $45^{\circ}+$ cast HS with $1 / 2$ turn

- $S R$ \# 2 and \#3 fuffilled

2) Clear hip circle $\mathrm{HS}+$ clear hip circle backward with $1 / 2$ turn to mixed grip in HS :

- SR \# 2 and \#3 fulfilled.
- Deduct 0.50 for missing one SR (2a. missing "B" flight or turn).

4) Giant circle backward + counterswing straddle back over LB:
5)     - Deduct 0.50 for missing one SR (2b. missing $360^{\circ}$ clear circle from Groups $3 / 6 / 7$ )
\#3.203 Underswing (toe-on) on HB with $1 / 2$ turn and flight over LB to hang on LB + cast

- SR \#2 and \#3 fulfilled.

6) Clear hip circle backward to HS with $1 / 2$ turn to regular grip
4. SR \#4: Salto Dismount, minimum of " $A$ " - Refer to the dismount regulations section
5. Difficulty: Allowable and Restricted - Level 8
a. Only " $A$ " and " $B$ " elements and any number of the following selected " $C$ " elements are allowed:
1) \#2.301 ("C") - Cast to HS backward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn
2) \#3.304 ("C") - Clear hip circle backward to HS
\#3.305 ("C") - Clear hip circle backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to regular grip
3) $\# 6.304$ ("C") - Stalder circle backward to HS
4) $\# 6.304$ ("C") - Stalder circle backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to regular grip
5) $\# 7.309$ ("C") - Pike Sole circle backward to HS
6) \#7.309 ("C") - Pike Sole circle backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to regular grip

NOTE: Level 8 allowed to perform:
4.200 ( $\mathrm{BP}^{\prime}$ ) - Underswing with $1 / 2$ turn over LB to hang,

- If preceded by HS on HB, becomes a restricted
\#2.205 ("B") - Counterswing, straddle back over LB to hang,
- If the straddle back goes to HS on LB, becomes a restricted "C" (\#2.305).
b. Level 8 allowed to perform a maximum of one restricted "C" element from any Group.
c. Allowable "C" elements.

1) "B" VP credit awarded
2) SRs awarded (if applicable)
d. Restricted "C" elements considered in chronological order

Only the first restricted " $C$ " element in the exercise may be
) Awarded "B" VP credit.
3) A restricted element may be repeated if the element receives "0" VP credit the first time.

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## LEVEL 8 UNEVEN BARS SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS \& DIFFICULTY RESTRICTIONS

5. Difficulty: allowable and restricted - Level 8 (continued)
e. Any other restricted " $C$ " or any " $D / E$ " element that meets the requirement to receive a $V P$. 1) Deduct 0.50 from SV for restricted element.
2) No VP credit; no SR credit awarded.

EXAMPLE:

- Group $3 / 6 / 7$ circles backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to reverse, L , or mixed-L grip ("D")

All appropriate execution and amplitude deductions applied to all elements performed, whether VP credit is awarded or NOT.

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III. SPECIFIC COMPOSITIONAL DEDUCTIONS

OTE: Composition deductions are NOT applied at Level $6 / 7$
$\underline{0.10}$
Facing same direction throughout exercise (Level 9 / 10 only)

1. Elements with $1 / 1$ turn will NOT fulfill change of direc
2. Mount / dismount will NOT fulfill change of direction
each 0.10
Uncharacteristic element
EXAMPLES:
-Squat / stoop on LB, stand with $1 / 2$ turn on feet to grasp HB
Swing forward on HB, place feet on LB to stand (with or without $1 / 2$ turn)

- Climbing / crawling onto LB (within exercise)
each 0.10 More than one squat / stoop on LB, with or without sole circle, with jump to grasp HB (Level 10 only)
After a fall, judging resumes once an element listed in Dev COP is
Deduct for any additional cast squat / stoop on LB that is performed, if cast squat / stoop on LB was previously performed.
EXCEPTION:
Following fall from UB, gymnast is allowed to perform cast squat / pike-on to resume routine without receiving 0.10 deduction.
Once a gymnast has performed a planned squat/ stoop on additional planned squat / stoop on's would be subject to the 0.10 each deduction.
$0.10 \quad 3 / 4$ Giant circle forward with or without a grip change

1. NOT considered an element.
2. Will break a connection
3. Refer to execution / amplitude deductions - small faults for additional insufficient amplitude of backward swing deduction
Failure to perform two elements that fulfill two out of three of the following
requirements (excluding dismounts):
4. One forward element (circle or release) (minimum of " B ")
5. One element from Groups $3 / 6 / 7$ (minimum of " B ")
6. One element with a minimum of $180^{\circ} \mathrm{LA}$ turn, with or without flight (minimum of "C")

No Deduction Two out of three requirements performed.
One out of three requirements performed
up to 0.20

## 1. See Appendix 15 for specifics

None of the three requirements performed Apply compositional deductio
$\checkmark$ Direct connection with release elements and / or elements of higher value $\checkmark$ Total number of release elements
up to 0.20 Lack of elements that achieve (or pass through) vertical (Level 8 only)
Lack of two bar changes (Level 10 only)
See Level 9 SR \#1
up to 0.10 Choice of dismount - not up to the competitive level.
See Appendix 15 for specifics.

SECTION 3 - UNEVEN BARS - EXECUTION \& AMPLITUDE - CHAPTER 3
I. CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTIONS

|  | 0.10 | Coach standing between bars throughout exercise |
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|  | 0.20 | Incorrect padding (use of heel / hip pads) <br> - CJ notices heel pads prior to mount; warning must be given. <br> - Deduction must be taken if heel pads are worn during exercise (with or without warning). |
|  | 0.30 | Failure to remove board / spotting block after release or mount |
|  | 0.30 | Lands dismount in solid or loose foam pit No VP / SR / Bonus |
|  | $\underline{2.00}$ | Complete or incomplete exercise <br> - Fewer than five VP elements |
|  | Exercise Terminated | Exceeds 45-second fall time |

II. EXECUTION AND AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS

|  | up to 0.10 | Deviation from straight direction on dismount landing |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | up to 0.10 | Arm swings on landing |
|  | up to 0.10 | Legs crossed during salto dismounts with twist |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{0.05}{0.10} \\ & \underline{0.10} \end{aligned}$ | LANDS DISMOUNT WITH FEET APART <br> - There is no deduction for feet a maximum of hip-width apart, provided heels join (slide) together on controlled extension. <br> Lands with feet hip-width apart or closer, but never joins feet (heels) <br> Lands with feet further than hip-width apart <br> - If upon landing with feet apart / staggered, gymnast takes a step(s), deduct only for step(s). <br> If entire foot / feet are sliding or lifting off floor to join, it is considered a small step. |
|  | up to 0.10 | Slight hop, or small adjustment of feet / feet staggered on landing of dismount |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Hesitation during jump to HB or swing to handstand |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Touch / brush on apparatus or mat with foot / feet |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Under-rotation of release / flight elements |
|  | up to 0.10 | Precision of handstand positions throughout exercise |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Insufficient extension of glides / swings into kips |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Poor rhythm in elements / connections |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Swing forward or backward under horizontal |
|  | $\underline{0.10}$ | Landing too close to the bar on dismount |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { each } \overline{0.10} \\ (\max .0 .40) \end{gathered}$ | Steps on landing |

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## EXECUTION AND AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS (continued)

|  | each up to 0.20 | Leg or knee separations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | each up to 0.20 | Insufficient exactness of body shape: tuck or pike position |
|  | each up to 0.20 | Amplitude of UB elements (including releases) <br> EXCEPTIONS: Clear hip circle and Salto dismounts (see LARGE FAULTS) |
|  | up to 0.20 | Failure to maintain stretched body position (pike down dismount) |
|  | up to 0.20 | Incorrect body posture on landing |
|  | up to 0.20 | Incomplete twist on twisting salto dismounts |
|  | up to 0.20 | Trunk movements to maintain balance on landing of dismount |
|  | up to 0.20 each time | Insufficient exactness of stretched position <br> - Arch <br> - Hip angle $\left(136^{\circ}-179^{\circ}\right)$ |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient dynamics throughout - consider: <br> 1) Insufficient swingful execution - throughout exercise <br> 2) Energy NOT maintained - throughout exercise <br> 3) Fails to make difficult look effortless |
|  | 0.20 | Hit on apparatus with foot / feet |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { each } \overline{0.20} \\ & (\max \underline{0.40}) \end{aligned}$ | Large step or jump on landing (approximately 3 feet or more) |


|  | up to 0.30 up to 0.30 | 1. Bent arms in support - on any one element ( $90^{\circ}$ bend or greater $=\max \underline{0.30}$ ) <br> 2. Bent legs - on any one element <br> $\left(90^{\circ}\right.$ bend or greater $\left.=\max 0.30\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | up to 0.30 | Insufficient height (amplitude) of salto dismount |
|  | up to 0.30 | Squat on landing (hips even with or lower than knees) |
|  | up to 0.30 | Brush / touch landing surface with one or two hands (no support) |
|  | up to 0.30 | Insufficient extension (open) of tuck / pike body position prior to landing dismount |
|  | 0.30 | Grasp of bar apparatus to avoid a fall |
|  | 0.30 | Hit on mat with foot / feet |
|  | up to 0.40 | Insufficient amplitude of "B" clear hip circle |

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|  | 0.50 | Full support on foot / feet on mat during exercise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.50 | Support on mat with 1 or 2 hands upon landing |
|  | 0.50 | Fall on mat to knee(s) or hips |
|  | 0.50 | Fall on or against apparatus |
|  | 0.50 | Spotting assistance during an element <br> - No VP / SR / Bonus |
|  | 0.50 0.50 | Spotting assistance upon landing dismount <br> - Award VP/SR, No Bonus <br> Fall after spot |
|  | $\underline{0.50}$ | Fall / failure to land on bottom of feet first on dismount if salto was initiated <br> - No VP / SR / Bonus |
|  | 0.50 0.30 | Fall / failure to land on bottom of feet first on dismount if salto was never initiated <br> - No VP / SR / Bonus <br> Off SV for no dismount |
|  | $\text { for fall } \frac{\overline{0.50}}{\overline{N L Y}}$ | Coach catches a falling gymnast <br> - No deduction for SPOT |

III.

SPECIFIC EXECUTION DEDUCTIONS

| $\underline{0.50}$ | Third run approach to mount / touch of springboard without mounting |
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each 0.30 Intermediate (extra) swing or cas
(max. 0.50) More than one consecutive extra swing(s) after an element

1. Momentum stopped and must beat forward and back to re-start.

EXAMPLES:
a. Catch release element in dead hang, momentum has stopped and must beat
("pump") forward and back to restart
b. Glide kip; stop in front support, legs move forward and backward to cast.
c. Uprise to clear support, stops with hips on bar in front support or performs hip circle
d. Tap swing - counterswing (as performed in Level 4 and 5 compulsory) is NOT a VP listed in Dev COP and is considered an extra swing for Levels $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10$. EXCEPTIONS:

Level 6/7: Tap swing - counterswing performed prior to salto forward dismount (front flyaway) $=$ no deduction for extra swing.
2) Turn ( $1 / 1$ or $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ) ending in mixed-L grip, L grip, or reverse grip): backward swing to hop-grip change before forward swing is NOT considered an extra swing.
Refer to BARS- 29 for specific compostional deductions for $3 / 4$ Giant circle
forward with or without grip change
arifications regarding direct connections. 2. Fall (jumps down) after extra swing(s)
. Extra swing between "C"/ "D" / "E" elements will break connection

- No CV Bonus awarded.

4. Extra swing after last element in direct connection of "C" / "D" / "E", apply CV and "D/E" Bonus.
5. The following are NOT considered extra swings / casts and would possibly receive deductions for rhythm and execution:
a. Swing down to glide kip and cast again (one or more times) after failed attempt to perform element.


## EXAMPLES:

1. Stalder circle backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to regular grip ("C") + Gienger - salto ("D")

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2. Uprise backward to HS ("C") Giant circle backward with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS ("D")
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3. Round-off in front of LB, Flic-Flac through HS phase on LB ("D") + Pike sole circle backward to HS ("C")
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4. Long swing forward with $\quad 1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn (Bail) and flight to HS on LB ("D") + Stalder circle backward to HS ("C"

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5. Giant circle backward with $1 / 1$ turn in HS ("D") Counterswing to straddle flight backward to HS on LB ("C")
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In the above example:

- If the forward swing prior to counterswing reaches HS phase (within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical), considered iant circle backward ("B") and breaks connection of "D" + "C
a) No CV Bonus awarded
b) Level 9 and 10 : Award +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus.

However:
From HS on HB to straddle flight backward to HS on LB, considered 3/4 Giant circle forward with straddle flight backward to HS on LB ("D").

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a) Connection " $D$ " + "B" + "D
b) Level 10: Award +0.20 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus
c) No CV Bonus.

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## LEVEL 10 ONLY - "B" release element from HB to LB raises to " C

EXAMPLES:

1. Tkatchev ("D") +

Long swing forward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn (Bail) and flight over LB to hang ("B") - raises to ("C")
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2. Jaeger salto with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("E") +

Counterswing backward in straddle or pike with flight over LB to hang
(straddle back without a forward counterswing) ("B") - raises to ("C")

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3. Shaposhnikova (clear hip circle backward through HS on LB, release and catch HB) ("D") + Long swing forward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn (Bail) and flight over LB to hang (" $B$ ") - raises to ("C")
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| "D"+ "D" | +0.20 |
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EXAMPLES:

1. Cast to HS with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS ("D") +

Double salto backward tucked with $1 / 1$ ( $360^{\circ}$ ) twist dismount (Flyaway) ("E")
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*eve
2. Uprise backward to HS with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in $\mathrm{HS}($ ( D ") + Giant circle backward with $1 / 1$ ( $360^{\circ}$ ) turn in HS ("D")
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3. Shaposhnikova (clear hip circle backward through HS on LB, release and catch HB) ("D") + swing forward to Pak salto to LB clear support ("D)
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4. Tkatchev ("D") +

- Both elements awarded VP credit.
- +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus awarded, only one " D " for same element.
- +0.20 CV Bonus awarded.
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5. Stalder circle backward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn to $L$ or mixed-L grip ("D") +

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| LEVEL 9 - DIRECT CONNECTIONS OF AT LEAST TWO ELEMENTS (continued): |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| "C" "C"" |  |
| Both elements WITH turn or flight. | +0.20 |

EXAMPLES:

Cost ("C") + From HS on HB - Long swing forward (Bail) with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn and flight over LB to hang ("C")

2. Giant circle forward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C") Double Salto backward piked dismount (Flyaway) ("C")

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3. Stalder circle backward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn in regular grip ("C") + On HB - Long swing forward (Bail) with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn and flight over LB to HS on LB ("D") $\rightarrow$ ("C" $X \ddot{1}+\sqrt{\ell}$

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 D. LEVEL 9 - DIRECT CONNECTIONS OF AT LEAST THREE ELEMENTSConnection of three or more elements.
Second element (and foliowing elements) may be used twice
. First time as last element of first connection and
b. Second time as first element beginning new connection.
2. Applies only for elements with VP credit

| "C" + "C" + "C" | + 0.00 + 0.10 |
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| EXAMPLE: <br> Giant circle forward ("C") + <br> Giant circle forward ("C") + <br> Giant circle forward with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS ("C") <br> - First two Giant circles forward - same element (without turn) NOT eligible for CV |  |
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| "C" + "C" + "C" | + 0.10 + 0.10 |

EXAMPLES:

1. Clear hip circle backward to HS ("C") +

Stalder circle backward to HS ("C") +
From HS on HB, long swing forward (Bail) with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn and flight over LB to hang on LB ("C")
+
2. Clear hip circle backward to $\mathrm{HS}($ " C ") +

Pike sole circle backward to HS ("C") +
Reverse Hecht-Tkatchev (" $D$ ") $\rightarrow$ ("C")
Pike sole circle backward to $\mathrm{HS}\left("{ }^{\prime \prime}\right.$ ")+
Reverse Hecht-Tkatchev ("D") $\rightarrow$ ("C")

| $" C "+$ "C" + "C" | $+0.10+0.20$ |
| :---: | :---: |

EXAMPLE: $\quad$ Clear hip circle backward to HS ("C") +
Clear hip circle backward to $\mathrm{HS}\left(\right.$ "C" $\left.^{\prime \prime}\right)+$
Clear hip circle backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS to reverse grip ("D") $\rightarrow$ ("C") +
Clear hip circle backward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS
Giant circle forward to HS with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS ("C")


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1. After $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ or $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ turn to $L$ grip or mixed-L grip, swing downward to $~ \% / 4$ Apply the following
a. Connection is broken.
b. No CV Bonus awarded
c. Deduct 0.10 composition for $3 / 4$ Giant circle forward, with or without grip change. d. Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient amplitude if swing backward is under horizontal.

EXAMPLE: Giant circle forward with $1 / 1$ ( $360^{\circ}$ ) turn to mixed-L grip ("C") +
$3 / 4$ Giant circle forward, hop grip change +
Underswing $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn over LB to HS on LB (" B ") $\rightarrow$ ("C")
2. After $111\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ or $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ turn to $L$ grip or mixed-L grip, swing upward and backward to within $20^{\circ}$ of HS , then hop-grip change to swing back down to next element. Apply the following:
a. Swing to within $20^{\circ}$ of vertical considered Giant circle forward ("C").

Connection considered direct, regardless of grip change.
c. No deduction for poor composition.

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## III. "D/E" BONUS - LEVEL 9 AND 10 ONLY

## A. "D" or "E" ELEMENTS MAY REPLACE:

1. Required VP of "A" / "B" / "C
2. "D/E" Bonus awarded
B. "D/E" BONUS AWARDED WHEN ELEMENTS ARE PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY
3. Without fall.

## C. "D/E" BONUS FOR LEVEL 9

MAXIMUM OF + 0.10 AWARDED for "D/E" Bonus.
The 1st Restricted "D/E" element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus one

1. If $1^{\text {th }}$ Restrict
2. If $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted or Allowable " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element results in $\mathbf{0}$ VP: No Bonus is awarded.

- An additional restricted or allowable "D/E" element receiving VP credit MAY be considered for +0.10 DV .
a. Example 1: $\bigcup_{" 0 "}$. FALLS, later performs $\bigcup_{\text {" } \mathrm{D} \text { " }}$.

1) Level 9 gymnast attempts a Pak salto and does NOT touch the bar = No value part
awarded.
Gymnast later performs Pak salto and catches LB and continues routine = Value part awarded, and MAY be considered for +0.10 DV .
b. Example 2: $\underset{\text { "0" }}{\text { U }}$ FALL, later performs. "D"
2) Level 9 gymnast attempts a Tkatchev, does NOT touch HB and FALLS $=$ No Value Part or " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " bonus awarded for incomplete Tkatchev.
3) Gymnast later performs Giant circle backward with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS. Receives " $D$ " VP credit. Eligible for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus as it is the first " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " to receive VP credit.
2. If $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted or Allowable "D/E" element receives VP credit but is performed with a fall: NO a. Additional Restricted "D/E" elements receiving VP credit: Deduct 0.50 each time for additional Restricted elements from the SV. Do NOT award VP or SR.
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Example: < "D" FALLS U "0"
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1) Tkatchev touches HB, then FALLS. Receives VP credit.
2) Gymnast later performs Pak Salto (catches bar and continues routine). No VP for Pak Salto. Deduct 0.50 for $2^{\text {nd }}$ restricted element.
b. Additional Allowable "D/E" elements receiving VP credit MAY be considered for +0.10 DV Example: "D" $_{\text {し }}$ FALLS $\underset{\text { "D" }}{\text { U }}$
3) Tkatchev touches HB, then FALLS
4) Gymnast later performs Giant circle backward with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn in HS. Receives "D" VP credit. Eligible for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus as it is an allowable " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ "
3. $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted and any allowable " $D / E$ " elements count as " C " in Connection Value Principles.

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## D. "D/E" BONUS FOR LEVEL 10

1. MAXIMUM OF + 0.40 AWARDED for "DE" Bonus.
a. "D" elements each receive +0.10 Bonus.
2. SAME "D" or "E" ELEMENT eligible for "D/E" Bonus one time ONLY. EXCEPTION: Same "D" or "E" element performed a second time
a. $1^{\text {st }}$ time performed without touching bar or with a spot $=0 \mathrm{VP}$ :
b. Second time element is complete - VP credit awarded.
c. "D/E" Bonus awarded.
VI. ADDITIONAL BONUS + 0.10 - LEVEL 10 ONLY
A. ELIGIBLE TO EARN BONUS POINTS
3. Both CV Bonus and "D/E" Bonus.
a. Minimum of $+\underline{0.10}$ for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$
b. Minimum of +0.10 for CV
4. Remaining 0.30 may be earned
a. "D/E" or CV Bonus.
5. Eligible for additional +0.10 Bonus (NOT included in SV)
a. Must have 10.0 SV
a. Must have 10.0 SV . Total Bonus $=+0.60$ or more, and
c. Minimum of one "E" element (no fall / spot)
B. ADDITIONAL BONUS - NOT INCLUDED IN START VALUE
6. Each judge adds the Bonus to her / his score and must visibly indicate, by means of a
placard or other signage, that the Bonus was awarded.
7. If using paper score slips, the judge should also indicate in writing any bonus awarded.

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VII. BONUS RESTRICTIONS
A. FALLS or SPOT:

1. During "D" or "E" element - No "D/E" Bonus
2. On CV element - NoCV
B. EXTRA SWING OCCURS BETWEEN "C" or "D" or "E" ELEMENTS:
3. Will break direct connection.
4. No CV Bonus may be awarded

## C. REPEATED "D" or "E" ELEMENT - LEVEL 10

1. "D/E" Bonus awarded one time ONLY.
. No "D/E" Bonus for same "D" or "E" a second time, unless Different connection (before / after)
a. The first time a " $D / E$ " element receives VP credit; however, if performed with a fall, no Bonus is Example: Gymnast performs a Tkatchev, touches the HB and falls: Award VP; NO bonus,
b. The second time the same " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element is performed and meets the requirement to receive VP (performed in a different connection without a spot or fall), Bonus is awarded. Example: Gymnast repeats the Tkatchev, catches the HB connecting to an overshoot (bail with $1 / 2$ turn) to clear support on LB $=$ Award VP, DV and CV
D. EXACT SAME CONNECTION REPEATED - CV BONUS NOT AWARDED.

## E. TOTAL BONUS CREDIT POSSIBLE:

1. Level 10: +0.50 total Bonus needed to start at 10.0
a. No more than +0.40 may be awarded for CV .
b. No more than +0.40 may be awarded for " $D / E$ "
2. Level $9:+0.30$ total Bonus needed to start at 10.0
a. No more than +0.30 may be awarded for CV .
b. No more than +0.10 may be awarded for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$.

- Only the $1^{\text {st }}$ " $D / E$ " performed is eligible for +0.10 " $D / E$ " Bonus.

3. Level 6 / 7 / 8: NOT eligible for Bonus



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## I. APPARATUS SPECIFICATIONS / RULINGS

A. USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S RULES AND POLICIES (R\&P)

1. See Chapter 11: Apparatus Requirements in $R \& P$ for specific equipment regulations.
2. Requirements are subject to change every competitive year, beginning August 1 .

## B. CHALK MARKINGS

1. Allowed to place small chalk markings on Beam (BB).
2. Tape markings are NOT allowed.
C. SUPPLEMENTAL MATTING (sting mat, 4" throw mat, 8 " skill cushion
3. Chief Judge (CJ) takes a 0.30 deduction from average score for use of any unauthorized
or additional matting.
4. Conversion for inches to centimeters:

| Approx. $3 / 4$ inch | 2 cm |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4 inches | 10 cm |
| $41 / 2$ inches | 12 cm |
| 8 inches | 20 cm |
| 9 inches | 24 cm |

## D. MATTING REGULATIONS FOR MOUNTS

CJ takes a 0.30 deduction from average score, if board is placed on an unauthorized surface (i.e. 8-inch skill cushion or plywood)
II. TIMING REGULATIONS
A. WARM-UP TIME

1. Timed or touch warm-ups:
a. Marking BB, setting mounting apparatus and raising / lowering BB are NOT included in warm-up time.
b. If warm-up time is exceeded, a warning is given

NOTE: preparing for an element, allow gymnast to complete the element.
c. If gymnast continues to warm-up on BB after a warning is issued, CJ deducts 0.20 from average score, for exceeding the timed or touch warm-up time

- In team competitions, deduct from the team event score

2. Immediately prior to performing the exercise:
a. May run and jump onto board and briefly touch BB without penalty.
b. May perform an element on $B B$ matting prior to $C J$ signal to begin.

- If gymnast performs element on mat after CJ signals to begin, CJ deducts 0.20 from average score for exceeding warm-up time. No warning is issued.
B. TIMING OF THE EXERCISE

1. Maximum time limits and warning signal time:

| LEVEL | MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT | WARNING SIGNAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LEVEL 10 / 9 / 8 | 1 minute, 30 seconds | 1 minute 20 seconds |
| LEVEL 7 | 1 minute, 20 seconds | 1 minute, 10 seconds |
| LEVEL 6 | 1 minute, 15 seconds | 1 minute, 5 seconds |

NOTE: For any exercise less than 30 seconds, refer to short exercise penalty.
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a. Mounts from a run, mounts from a stand, mounts from hand support
b. Routine time stops when feet touch floor on dismount.
c. Routine time stops with fall(s) from BB
d. Routine time and evaluation continue with first movement to resume routine on $B B$
3. Final "time" signal, judge evaluates all elements performed to the end of the exercise.
a. CJ deducts 0.10 for overtime from average score.

1) Deduction MUST be indicated to coach (verbal or visual).
2) Time within "fraction of a second" over = no deduction.

EXAMPLE: Time at 1:30.01-1:30.99 (less than 1:31) = no deduction
b. Value Parts (VPs), composition, Special Requirements (SRs) and any applicable Bonus are awarded.
4. "Warning" and final "time" signal should be a special device such as a bell, whistle or gong
a. Verbal "warning" and "time" MUST be audible to gymnast if device is unavailable.
b. CJ responsibility to review timing procedures with timers.
5. Short exercises: Less than 30 seconds, (complete or incomplete).
a. Deduct for any missing VPs from Start Value (SV).
b. Deduct for any missing SRs from SV.
c. Deduct 0.30 for no dismount from SV (if applicable)
d. CJ deducts 2.00 from average score.
e. EXCEPTION: Level 6 ONLY

1) CJ deducts 0.50 from average score
2) Less than 30 seconds - completed $B B$ routine.
) Contains all required VPs.
3) 10.0 SV .
f. Minimum score of 1.00 awarded when routine score is equal to or less than one point.

## C. TIMING OF FALLS

. Allowed 45 seconds to re-mount after a fal
a. Fall time MUST be timed separately.
b. Two watches are necessary.
2. Does NOT re-mount within 45 seconds $=$ exercise terminated
a. Fall time begins when gymnast is standing on her feet.

- If an injury occurs, fall time begins after medical assessment is complete.
b. 45-second fall time stops when gymnast's feet leave mat to re-mount in preparation to resume routine

3. While off apparatus after a fall:
a. Timer gives notification of " 20 seconds remaining" and " 10 seconds remaining" in fall time.
b. "Time" is called at 45 seconds
c. Coach may speak to gymnast
1) During fall time without penalty
2) Once gymnast re-mounts, coach may NOT give verbal assistance.
3) Coach NOT allowed to ask judge if the element received VP credit before gymnast re-mounts apparatus.
d. If 45 -second fall time is exceeded, exercise is terminated

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## TIMING OF FALLS (continued)

4. Gymnast attempts to re-mount BB after a fall:
a. Falls again, prior to resuming timing of routine.
b. Deduct 0.50 for a second fall.
c. Any subsequent fall will allow for an additional 45 -second fall time
5. Warm-up during a fall:
a. Performs element on mat prior to re-mounting.
b. $C J$ deducts 0.20 from average score for additional warm-up
c. No warning is required.
c. No warning is required.
III. SPOTTING REGULATIONS
A. COACH ASSISTS / SPOTS GYMNAST DURING ELEMENT:
6. Each judge deducts 0.50 for spot

- No VP credit, SR, Bonus credit (if applicable) awarded.

2. If fall occurs after spot, each judge also deducts 0.50 for fall
3. Do NOT deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount for a dismount spot, even though dismount receives no VP credit.
B. COACH CONTACTS GYMNAST WITHOUT ASSISTING:
4. Each judge deducts 0.50 for touching gymnast.
a) Award VP and SR credit.
b) No "D/E" or CV Bonus awarded (if applicable).

EXAMPLE: Coach touches athlete's back before beginning Walkover backward, then steps away.
2. No penalty if gymnast inadvertently contacts coach.
C. COACH SPOTS GYMNAST UPON LANDING DISMOUNT:

1. Each judge deducts 0.50 for spot.
a) Award VP and SR credit
b) No "D/E" or CV Bonus awarded (if applicable).
2. If fall occurs after spot, each judge also deducts 0.50 for fall.
D. COACH CATCHES FALLING GYMNAST:
3. Do NOT deduct for spot.
4. Deduct 0.50 for fall ONLY.
E. COACH MAY APPROACH BEAM TO SPOT A PARTICULAR ELEMENT
5. May NOT remain there for entire exercise.
6. CJ deducts 0.10 from average score if coach remains by BB throughout exercise.
F. RAISED SURFACE FOR SPOTTING
7. Spotting block or folded mat recommended.
a. deducts 0.30 from average score if spotting device is NOT removed.
a. No penalty for coach standing on mounting apparatus, provided mounting
apparatus (or
b. EXCEPTION: Spotting device may remain in place ONLY if coach continues to stand on it through multiple elements.
8. Coach may NOT stand on chairs or other items not produced by a gymnastics supply company
a. Warning should be given.
a. Warning should be given.
b. CJ deducts 0.30 from average score if coach continues to use an
inappropriate item to stand on (use of unauthorized equipment).
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## IV. MOUNT AND DISMOUNT REGULATIONS

## A. MOUNTS

1. Board, mount trainer mat or panel mat MUST be removed as soon as possible after gymnast has mounted
2. Mounts that are preceded by one element prior to take-off from board will be allowed:

- Evaluation begins after feet leave mounting apparatus.

3. Mount attempts:
a. Attempt without mounting is considered a "balk."
b. Two attempts allowed to mount BB without penalty.

- No touch of board and / or BB or run under BB on either attempt allowed.

EXAMPLE: 1st attempt: Run, balks, no mount performed
2t attempt: Run, balks, no mount
NO DEDUCTION
c. Three attempts allowed, but each judge takes a 0.50 deduction for third attempt EXAMPLE: $\quad 1$ st attempt: Run, balk, no mount performed 2nd attempt: Run, balk, no mount performed 3rd attempt: Runs, performs a "D" mount ( 0.50 deducted for $3^{\text {rd }}$ approach) - "D" mount awarded + 0.10 "D/E" Bonus at Level 9 (Acro) and 10.

EXAMPLE: $\quad$ 1st attempt: Run, balk, no mount performed
2nd attempt: Run, balk, no mount perfor
3rd attempt: Run, balk, no mount performed ( 0.50 deducted for $3^{\text {rd }}$ approach - No mount performed; athlete must climb onto BB to begin exercise
d. Fourth approach NOT permitted.
e. Run, touch board and / or BB or run under BB without mounting, deduct 0.50 (considered a fall).
f. Round-off entry mount attempt, performs only Round-off

1) May repeat mount and receive appropriate VP credit
2) Deduct 0.50 for fall - contact made with board, which is considered part of the apparatus
3) Second attempt results in successfully performed mount. Bonus could be awarded (if applicable).

## B. DISMOUNTS

1. Evaluate all elements, including dismount, after final time signal.
2. Dismount element with hand support instead of Salto or Aerial (Level $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10$ ):
a. Deduct 0.50 for missing dismount SR.
b. Do NOT deduct 0.30 for no dismount.
3. Dismount element of no value
a. NOT listed in Dev COP
1) Deduct 0.50 from SV for missing dismount SR specific to each level.
2) Deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount.

EXAMPLE: Straddle Jump dismount
b. Restricted or additional restricted element performed.

1) Deduct 0.50 from $S V$ for restricted dismount
2) Deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount.

EXAMPLE: Level 7 performs " $C$ " dismount.
3) Deduct $\underline{0.50}$ from SV for missing dismount SR specific to each level.

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DISMOUNTS (continued):
4. Leaves apparatus (terminates exercise early, intentionally or due to a fall):
a. Deduct 0.50 from SV for missing dismount SR specific to each level.
b. Deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount.
c. Deduct 0.50 for fall from apparatus (with or without an actual fall onto mat).
d. CJ deducts 2.00 from average score if exercise is under 30 seconds EXCEPTION: LEVEL $6=\underline{0.50}$ deduction with 10.0 SV .
5. Falls on Salto dismount: (applies to Level $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10$ ):
a. Never initiates Salto action and falls without landing on bottom of feet first

1) No VP credit awarded for dismount.

- Deduct from SV for any missing difficulty requirements (if appropriate)

2) Deduct 0.50 from SV for missing dismount SR specific to each level.
3) Deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount.
4) Deduct $\underline{0.50}$ for fall.
5) Deduct for any other execution / amplitude errors.
b. Initiates Salto action and falls without landing on bottom of feet first:
6) No VP credit awarded for dismount.

- Deduct from SV for any missing difficulty requirements (if appropriate)

Deduct 0.50 from SV for missing dismount SR specific to each level
3) Deduct 0.50 for fall.
4) Deduct for any other execution / amplitude errors.
5) Do NOT deduct 0.30 for no dismount.

## V. RECOGNITION (COUNTING) OF VALUE PARTS (VP)

A. ANY BB ELEMENT MAY RECEIVE VP CREDIT TWO TIMES PROVIDED:

1. Repeated element MUST occur in a different connection (i.e., either isolated one time and in a connection another time, OR when the repeated element is performed in two connections, in which it is preceded or followed by a different element that is listed in the Dev COP - whether received VP credit or not)
2. Leap / jump / hop NOT found in Dev COP:
a. May be awarded comparable VP credit of "root" element.
b. May have variations of leg position and landing position.
c. New elements NOT listed in Dev COP
1) MUST be evaluated by Regional Technical and Regional Development Program Committee Chairmen.
Element evaluation form on USA Gymnastics website (Women - Forms - Meet Forms). . Same "D" or "E" element performed a second time in different connection:
a. Level 10:
2) Receives VP credit twice.
3) Eligible for "D/E" Bonus ONLY once

## REQUIRED TECHNIQUE FOR RECOGNITION OF VALUE PARTS (continued)

5. Two-second hold requirement
a. If no two-second hold in element - award value of root elamen

EXAMPLE:
\#1.311 Press side Handstand - lower to Planche ("C")

- If Planche is NOT held - award "B" VP credit for press Handstand.
b. Change of leg position is allowed during the two-second hold of a HANDSTAND.

6. Leaps/jumps
a. Split Leaps / Split Jumps - require $180^{\circ}$ leg separation

b. If split is insufficient, evaluate as follows:
$0.05-0.10$ Missing $1^{\circ}-20^{\circ}$ of split
$0.15-0.20$ Missing $21^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$ of split
c. Any leap / jump that is required to have $180^{\circ}$ leg separation, but achieves less than $135^{\circ}$ leg separation, will be awarded "A" VP credit.
1) Is NOT eligible to fulfill SR of one Leap / Jump that requires $180^{\circ}$ cross / side split.
2) Deduct up to 0.20 for insufficient split for a leg separation of $134^{\circ}$ or less. NOTE: All leaps / jumps: deduct for insufficient amplitude / execution in addition to insufficient split.

## 7. Flight elements

- If flight element fails to show flight (moment when both hands and feet are free of BB) award VP credit for actual element performed.
EXAMPLE: Flic-Flac with no flight - recognize as Walkover backward ("A") VP.

8. Salto dismounts
a. Twisting Saltos - incomplete Long Axis (LA) turn / twist:

$\qquad$ | $0.15-0.20$ |
| ---: | Missing $45^{\circ}-89^{\circ}$ of twist | Award VP performed | Missing $90^{\circ}$ or more of twist |
| :---: | :---: | EXAMPLE:

$21 / 2\left(900^{\circ}\right)$ twist dismount ("E") - missing $90^{\circ}$ of twist:

1) Award "C" VP credit for $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist.
2) Deduct for balance, execution and amplitude
b. Clarification: completion of twist:
3) Placement of front foot upon landing $=$ amount of twist completed
4) Twist completion determines VP credit awarded.
c. Incomplete Breadth Axis (BA) turn Salto:

- If Salto dismount does NOT land on bottom of feet first:

1. No VP, SR credit awarded.
2. Deduct 0.30 from SV for no dismount, if no Salto action initiated

- If Salto action WAS initiated = no deduction.

3. Simultaneously landing on feet / hands or feet / buttocks, award VP credit; give benefit of doubt to gymnast.

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## F. SPECIFIC ELEMENT TECHNIQUE CLARIFICATIONS

1. Any jump, press, or swing to Handstand mount:
a. To award VP credit - body MUST be vertical with hips over shoulders in balanced position

- If fall occurs after vertical is achieved, VP credit is awarded.
b. Legs may be together or split / straddle / stag / double-stag position.
c. Two-second hold is NOT required.
d. If vertical position is NOT achieved, deduct for insufficient amplitude (if applicable), or recognize actual VP performed.
e. Press Handstand and Handstands with turn performed within the exercise do NOT require a two-second hold to receive VP credit.
f. Press Handstand within the exercise (NOT the mount) has no hold requirement. Can be used as first element in Acro series for Level $6 / 7$ / 8 .

2. \#2.110 - Tuck Jump ("A"):
a. Both knees should be at horizontal or above, with $90^{\circ}$ angle at hips and knees.
b. Deduct up to 0.20 for knees lower than horizontal ( 0.10 ) and / or greater than $90^{\circ}$ angle at knees $(0.10)$.
c. Greater than $135^{\circ}$ angle at hips and greater than $90^{\circ}$ at knees - award credit for VP performed, Stretch Jump with abstract leg position ("A")
3. \#2.111 - Wolf Hop ("A") or Wolf Jump ("A"):
a. To award VP = both extended leg and thigh of bent leg MUST be at or above horizontal with knees together.
b. Greater than $135^{\circ}$ angle at hips and greater than $90^{\circ}$ at knees $=$ award credit for VP performed, Stretch Jump with abstract leg position ("A").
c. Deduct up to 0.10 for each error if the extended leg / thigh of bent leg is below horizontal
d. Wolf Jump MUST take off from two feet but may land on one foot or two feet.
e. Forward lean of body is acceptable during jump.
4. \#2.201 - Split Jump ("B") vs. \#2.107-Sissonne ("A"):
\#2.201 - Split Jump ( B") vs. \#2.107 - Sissonne ("A"):

- Cross Split Jump shows $180^{\circ}$ split with legs even, parallel to BB.
b. Sissonne has 2 -foot take-off and 1 -foot landing
- Sissonne requires $180^{\circ}$ split of legs, in diagonal position with

1) Front leg forward-downward (minimum of $45^{\circ}$ from BB) and
2) Front leg forward-downward (minimum of horizontal).
3) Back leg backward-upward (minimum
4) Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient amplitude if front leg of Sissonne is lacking minimum of $45^{\circ}$ from $B B$.
5. \#2.202 - Straddle-Pike Jump ("B") or \#2.302 - Side-Split Jump, also with $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C"): a. Straddle Jump or Side-Split Jump in cross position awarded "B" (\#2.202)
1) Cross stand, Straddle-Pike Jump or Side-Split Jump

Straddle position facing end of BB - $1 / 4$ turns - closing legs - finish in side stand, facing sideward ("B").
2) Cross stand, Straddle Jump or Side-Split Jump

- Makes $1 / 4$ turn - finish in straddle-pike or side-split position - facing sideward ("C").

12. \#3. 206 ("B"), \#3. 306 ("C"), \#3. 406 ("D"), \#3. 506 ("E") - Turns in tuck stand:
a. Turn is completed when the support foot and hips have reached $360^{\circ}$ rotation and the free leg touches the beam.
b. If the foot of the free leg lands on the beam prior to the full rotation of the support foot and hips, the turn is considered as completed when the free foot touches the beam.
c. Deduct accordingly to the degree of rotation of the support foot and hips, at the time when free leg touches the beam.
13. \#5.306-Reverse Planche ("C"):
a. Legs MUST be in same plane, either together or straddled.
b. Handstand with split position for counterbalance award \#5.206 ("B") VP credit
c. Handstand with overarch and legs separated award \#5.206 ("B") VP credit.
14. \#7.310 - Flic-Flac with $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn side Handstand ("C")
\#7.510 - Flic-Flac with $3 / 4$ ( $270^{\circ}$ ) turn side Handstand ("E"):
a. MUST show flight to HANDSTAND position with body stretched in vertical
leg position optional and 2-second hold NOT required.
b. If insufficient flight, recognize as walkover backward with turn and award appropriate VP credit.
15. \#7.312 - Tucked Chen Flic ("C"):
a. MUST show $90^{\circ}$ angle in both hips and knees.
b. Open legs and body to stretched position, prior to swing down

## 16. \#7.503 - Aerial Cartwheel to scale (Peko) ("E"):

a. Slight lowering of free leg acceptable with immediate lift to minimum of horizontal.
b. Hold for 2 seconds
17. \#8.402 - Side Salto Tuck / Pike, 1-leg take-off, forward / sideward to side stand ("D")
a. Forward take-off, $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn occurs as body lifts, body and shoulders facing sideward
throughout Salto and landing phase.
b. Forward take-off, $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn occurs after body passes through vertical, and body lands in side position, considered as \#7.403 Aerial Cartwheel to side landing ("D").
18. \#8.504 - Salto backward stretched with legs together ("E"):
a. MUST display good height and maintain stretched body position past vertical
b. Deduct up to 0.20 for insufficient stretch if body pikes down after vertical.
19. \#9. 209 ("B"), \#9. 309 ("C"), \#9. 409 ("D"), \#9. 509 ("E") -

Gainer Salto backward dismounts off end:
a. Required technique:

1) Take-off from 1 foot, facing outward.
2) Salto performed like a reverse dive
3) Salto rotates backward toward end of BB (NOT along side of BB )
b. Deduct up to 0.30 for directional errors.

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I. CONTENT
A. EXERCISE COMPOSED FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS:

1. Acro elements:
a. with or without flight phase
b. Forward
c. Sideward
d. Backward
2. DANCE ELEMENTS:
a. Turns
b. Leaps / jumps / hops
c. Balance elements
d. Body waves

## B. HARMONIOUS CHANGES between

1. Element groups
2. Dance and Acro elements, particularly.

## C. USE OF ENTIRE BEAM with

1. Dynamic rhythm changes
2. Level changes.
II. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS SRs = each worth 0.50
A. LEVEL 8 / 9 / 10 BALANCE BEAM SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
3. Acro series (excluding mount / dismount)
4. One Leap or Jump that requires $180^{\circ}$ cross or side-split
5. Minimum of $360^{\circ}$ Turn on one foot (Group 3)
6. Aerial / Salto dismount (specific value for each level)

## ACRO SERIES REQUIREMENT

| Level 8 | One Acro series - minimum of two elements (one with flight) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Level 9 | One Acro series - minimum of two directly connected flight elements |
| Level 10 | One Acro series - minimum of two directly connected flight elements, <br> One minimum "C" flight (with or without hand support) <br> OR |
|  | One non-flight Acro "A" element - Group 7 (Walkovers / Cartwheels) <br> directly connected to acro flight " E " element. <br> EXAMPLE: Walkover backward ("A") + Salto backward with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("E") |

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| D. ALLOWABLE DIFFICULTY |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LEVEL | Value Part | Value Part | Value Part | "D/E" Value Part |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Level } \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Level } \\ 9 \end{gathered}$ | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1.Any "D/E" Dance elements <br> 2. One "D/E" Acro element (includes mount / dismount) <br> 3. Count as "C" VP for CV Bonus |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Level } \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ | Yes | Yes | 1. Any "C" Dance elements 2. One "C" Acro element (includes mount / dismount) <br> 3. Count as "B" VPs | No |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Level } \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | Yes | Yes | 1. Any "C" Dance element (unlimited) <br> 2. Count as " $B$ " VP | No |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Level } \\ 6 \end{gathered}$ | Yes | Yes | 1. One " $C$ " Dance element <br> 2. Count as " $B$ " VP | No |

- Guidelines for level restrictions.

1. Levels allowing one restricted Acro element (refer to chart) may use a mount or dismount element.
2. Allowable elements:
a. Will receive element value listed in chart
b. May be used to fulfill SRs.
c. Level 9 ONLY:
1) May serve as a " $C$ " element in any applicable CV Bonus.
2) ONLY first "D/E" Acro element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 "D/E" Bonus.
3. Restricted elements will be considered in chronological order. ONLY the first restricted element in the exercise may be:
a. Awarded VP credit.
b. Awarded SR, if applicable.
c. Awarded CV Bonus, if applicable.
d. Level 8 and 9 ONLY: A restricted element may be repeated if the element receives "0" VP credit the first time.
4. Any other restricted element meeting the requirements to receive VP credit: a. Deduct 0.50 from SV for restricted element.
b. No VP credit awarded
c. No SRs credit awarded
5. All appropriate execution and amplitude deductions applied to all elements performed whether VP credit is awarded or NOT
III. CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING SERIES
A. ACRO or DANCE SERIES - CONTINUOUS CONNECTION BETWEEN ELEMENTS
$\checkmark$ Landing leg / free leg on first element - MUST be take-off leg for next element.
Landing with both feet on first element - MUST take off from two feet for next element.
6. Backward Acro series and sideward to backward Acro series with one or more flight elements:
a. Considered broken with delay in immediate take-off of second element.
b. Deduct 0.50 for missing $\operatorname{SR}$ (if applicable)
c. Causes for delays that break connections:
1) Arms moving low as thighs or further back after landing first element in connection.
NOTE: Gainer Flic-Flac / Gainer Salto backward stretched with step-out (as second element)
a) Arms continue circling forward-upward and backward-downward without automatically breaking connection
b) Circling action is inherent arm pattern for Gainer type elements.
2) Cautious, slow-moving attempt to connect one or more elements.
a) Acro series considered broken
b) No rhythm deduction applied.
2. Non-flight Acro series (any direction), forward / sideward Acro flight series, counter Acro flight series:
a. Lack of tempo / poor rhythm between elements in series
b. Deduct up to 0.20 for lack of tempo between elements.

- Slow, continuous connection in line with BB.

3. Dance series / Mixed series
a. Lack of tempo / poor rhythm between elements in series
b. Deduct up to 0.20 for lack of tempo between elements.
c. Slow, continuous connection in line with BB.
d. Arm circle does NOT necessarily break connection if body continues movement
e. Dance element: (EXAMPLE: Cat Leap or Hitch-Kick):
1) Series considered broken if free leg position drops and lifts again.
2) Series considered broken if trunk stops forward movement.
4. All series considered broken when:
a. Stop between elements
b. Loss of balance.
c. Any deviation of body movement which is NOT in line with BB
d. Repositioning of foot (feet) or pivoting.
e. Extra step / hop / jump between elements.
f. Legs straighten between elements:
1) First element lands in plié on two feet
2) Legs totally straighten and plié again to initiate jump into next element.
3) Straightening the legs breaks series.
g. Acro series considered broken if kick / leg-swing above $45^{\circ}$ leading into second element NOTE: Series with two of the same elements with broken connection: no VP awarded for second (same) element.
1. CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTIONS

|  | 0.10 | Coach standing next to BB throughout entire exercise |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.10 | Overtime |
|  | 0.20 | Warming up on mat after a fall (no warning) |
|  | 0.30 | Failure to remove mounting apparatus / spotting block after mount |
|  | (CJ) 0.30 | Lands dismount in solid/loose foam pit No VP, SR, Bonus |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2.00 \\ & 0.50 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Complete or incomplete exercise less than 30 seconds EXCEPTION: Level 6 ONLY - completed routine with all required VPs and 10.0 SV |
|  | Exercise Terminated | Exceeds 45 -second fall time |

II. EXECUTION AND AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS

|  | each time 0.05 | Flexed / sickled feet on VP elements |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | up to 0.10 | Deviation from straight direction on dismount landing |
|  | up to 0.10 | Arm swings on landing to maintain balance |
|  | up to 0.10 | Legs crossed during Salto dismounts with twist |
|  |  | LANDS DISMOUNT WITH FEET APART <br> - There is no deduction for feet a maximum of hip-width apart, provided heel join (slide) together on controlled extension. |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \underline{0.05} \\ & \underline{0.10} \end{aligned}$ | Lands with feet hip-width apart or closer, but never joins feet (heels) <br> Lands with feet further than hip-width apart <br> - If upon landing with feet apart / staggered, gymnast takes a step(s), deduct ONLY for step(s). |
|  | 0.10 | If entire foot / feet slide or lift off floor to join, it is considered a small step. |
|  | up to 0.10 | Slight hop or small adjustment of feet or feet staggered (one foot in front) on landing of elements or dismount |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Hesitation during jump / press / swing to Handstand |
|  | up to 0.10 | Incorrect body posture / alignment during Dance VPs |
|  | 0.10 | Landing too close to the beam on dismount |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { each } \overline{0.10} \\ & (\max .0 .40) \end{aligned}$ | Steps on landing |

## EXECUTION and AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS (continued)

|  | each up to 0.20 | Leg or knee separations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | up to 0.20 | Trunk movements to maintain balance / control upon dismount landing |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient height on leaps / jumps / hops |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient height of Aerials / Saltos / Acro flight with hand support |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient split position (deviation from $\mathbf{1 8 0}^{\circ}$ ) Dance \& Acro (when required) |
|  | 0.05-0.10 | $1^{\circ}-20^{\circ}$ missing |
|  | 0.15-0.20 | $21^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$ missing |
|  | Lesser VP | $46^{\circ}$ or more missing |
|  | up to 0.20 | Legs NOT parallel to BB in Split or Straddle-Pike Leaps / Jumps |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient exactness of tuck or pike position in VP elements |
|  | up to 0.20 | Failure to maintain stretched body position (pikes down dismount) |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient exactness of stretched position <br> - Arch <br> - Hip angle $\left(136^{\circ}-179^{\circ}\right)$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { up to } \mathbf{0 . 2 0} \\ 0.05-0.10 \\ 0.15-0.20 \\ \text { Lesser VP } \end{gathered}$ | DANCE: incomplete turn - Group $2 / 3$ elements (with $360^{\circ}+$ turn) <br> $1^{\circ}-44^{\circ}$ missing <br> $45^{\circ}-89^{\circ}$ missing <br> $90^{\circ}$ or more missing |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { up to } 0.20 \\ 0.05-0.10 \\ 0.15-0.20 \\ \text { Lesser VP } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | DISMOUNTS: incomplete twist - dismounts (with $360^{\circ}$ or more twist) <br> $1^{\circ}-44^{\circ}$ missing <br> $45^{\circ}-89^{\circ}$ missing <br> $90^{\circ}$ or more missing |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient variation in rhythm and tempo throughout exercise. Consider: <br> - Insufficient variation in rhythm / tempo in non-VP movements <br> - Lack of fluid connection / series of disconnected elements or movements |
|  | up to 0.20 | Incorrect body posture on landing of elements and dismount |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient sureness of performance throughout exercise |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient dynamics - Consider: <br> - Energy maintained throughout exercise (makes difficult look effortless) |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \frac{\mathbf{0 . 2 0}}{(\max .} \frac{0.40)}{} \end{array}$ | Large step / jump on landing (approximately three feet or more) |

## EXECUTION and AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS (continued)

up to 0.30 Bent arms in support - on any one element
up to 0.30 Bent legs - on any one element
$90^{\circ}$ bend or greater $=\max 0.30$
up to 0.30 Squat on landing (hips even with or lower than knees)
$+\mathbf{0 . 5 0}$ Lands Acro element in squat position, then falls
up to 0.30 Insufficient height of Salto dismounts
up to 0.30 Insufficient extension
up to 0.30 - Open of tuck/ pike body posis
0.30 Use of supplemental support

EXAMPLES:

1. Foot / feet remain on mat / board as mount is completed.
2. Foot / feet contact mat in cross straddle-sit during exercise.
3. Foot / feet / leg using base of BB for support on mount / on BB.
0.50 Support on mat / apparatus with one or two hands upon landing
0.50 Fall onto BB/off BB onto ma
0.50 Fall on or against apparatus
0.50 Spotting assistance during an element

- No VP, SR, Bonus
0.50 Fall after spot
0.50 Spotting assistance upon landing dismount
- Award VP, SR
- No Bonus
0.50 Fall after spot
0.50 Fall / failure to land on bottom of feet first (Aerials / Saltos / dismounts) - No VP, SR, Bonus
0.30

30 Never initiates Salto on dismount
50 Fall with simultaneously landing on bottom of feet + hands / knees:

- Award VP, SR (if appropriate)
0.50 Coach catches a falling gymnast on element or dismount
for fall ONLY - No deduction for spot

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III. SPECIFIC EXECUTION DEDUCTIONS

| each up to 0.10 | Failure to perform Group \# 3 turns in high Relevé |
| :---: | :---: |
| each up to 0.10 | Lack of precision in Dance VPs EXAMPLES: <br> 1. Lack of definite arm or leg position on turns / Leaps <br> 2. Degree of turn NOT exact |
| each up to 0.10 | Fail to land with feet / legs together on jumps / leaps to two feet |
|  | CONCENTRATION PAUSES |
| each 0.10 each 0.20 | Two seconds <br> More than two seconds |
| each up to 0.20 | Lack of tempo / poor rhythm between elements: (Dance series / Mixed series / Acro series). |
| 0.05-0.10 | Body continues moving in line with BB, but arms swing between elements, and / or Legs slightly extend but do NOT completely straighten, and slightly bend again to initiate take-off |
| 0.15-0.20 | Torso/trunk deviation in line with BB with or without arm swing between elements <br> - EXCEPTION: Backward Acro series or sideward to backward Acro series with one or more flight elements is connected or NOT connected; tempo deduction does NOT apply. |
| No Deduction | Slow, continuous connection: <br> - Arms finish to take-off immediately for 2nd element (legs in plié / NOT pumping) |
| each 0.20 | Support of one leg against side surface of BB to maintain balance |
| up to 0.30 | Additional movements to maintain balance on BB |
| up to 0.30 | Relaxed / incorrect footwork on non-VPs throughout exercise |
| up to 0.30 | Directional error on Gainer Salto dismounts off end of BB |
| up to 0.30 | Incorrect body alignment, position, or posture in non-VPs throughout exercise |
| 0.30 | Grasp of BB to avoid a fall <br> - Grasp under BB to facilitate candlestick / roll elements is NOT a deduction. |
| 0.50 | Third run approach to mount / touch of springboard without mounting apparatus |

NOTE: Minimum score of 1.00 awarded when routine score is equal to or less than one point.
IV. INSUFFICENT ARTISTRY THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE

| $0.05-0.10$ | Lack of variety in choreography (poses, phrases, connections) <br> EXAMPLES: unnecessary adjustments and/or steps without <br> choreography |
| :---: | :--- |
| $0.05-0.10$ | Quality of movement to reflect personal style |
| $0.05-0.10$ | Quality of expression (i.e. projection, focus) |

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CONNECTIONS - TWO ACRO FLIGHT ELEMENTS (excluding DISMOUNT) (continued)

| "C" + "D" | +0.20 |
| :---: | :---: |
| OR MORE DIFFICULT |  |

EXAMPLES.
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1. 1-arm handspring forward ("C") $+\bigcap+\bigcap f$ Aerial walkover ("D")
2. Flic-Flac with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("E") + Flic-Flac pike-stretch swing down ("C)

กey
3. Aerial Cartwheel ("D") +

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C") Xf +

| "D" + "D" | +0.20 |
| :--- | :--- |
| OR MORE DIFFICULT |  |

EXAMPLES

1. Flic-Flac with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("E") +

Flic-Flac with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist - swing down to cross straddle-sit ("E") $\bigcap_{+} \AA_{t}$
2. Flic-Flac with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("E") + Salto backward stretched to two feet ("E") $\bigcap+\quad$ +
3. Aerial Cartwheel ("D") +

Flic-Flac with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("E") $\quad X f+\bigcap$
4. Aerial walkover ("D")+
Aerial walkover ("D") $\bigcap_{+}$

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## C. CONNECTIONS - at least THREE ACRO FLIGHT ELEMENTS:

(including mount / dismount / element connections).

1. An additional +0.10 connection / series Bonus to be awarded for any three-element Acro flight series with a minimum "C" Salto/Aerial or "D/E" flight element with or without hand support (excluding dismounts). See CV Principal E.
2. Order of VPs may allow for additional CV Bonus by counting two 2-element connections based on Connection Principles A and B.
3. Examples below are NOT eligible for any additional CV Bonus; ONLY the Bonus indicated in the Exax.

| "B" + "B" + "C" | $\mathbf{+ 0 . 1 0}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| EXAMPLES: |  |

EXAMPLES:
 Flic-Flac step-out ("B") $+\quad+$
Flic-Flac with support on one ${ }^{+}$("C")
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { 2. Flic-Flac step-out ("B"), }+ \\ \text { Flic-Flac to two feet ("B") }+\end{array} \bigcap_{+} \bigcap_{+}\right)$
Salto backward stretched with double (2/1) twisting dismount ("C")

| "B" + "C" + "C" | +0.20 |
| :---: | :---: |

1. Flic-Flac with support on one arm ("C") $+\Omega+\Omega+\Omega$ Flic-Flac ("B") +
Flic-Flac with support on one arm ("C")
2. 1-arm handspring forward with step-out ("C") + Round-off ("B") +
Flic-Flac with support on one arm ("C") $\quad$ ! + +. $\bigcap$
3. Flic-Flac step-out ("B") +

Flic-Flac with support on one arm +
$\Omega+\Omega+\varepsilon$
Salto backward stretched with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist dismount ("C")

| "B" + "B" + "D /E" | $\mathbf{+ 0 . 2 0}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| EXAMPLE: |  |

1. Round-off ("B") +
Flic-Flac ("B") + $\Lambda_{+} \bigcap_{+}$Le

Double Salto backward tucked dismount ("E")
2. Mount: Round-off - Flic-Flac to cross stand ("D") $+\quad N+\bigcap+\bigcap$ Flic-Flac ("B") +
Flic-Flac ("B")
Award +0.20 for " D " + " B " + " B "
Award +0.10 for 3 -element Acro flight series
Total $=+0.30$ in CV Bonus
Plus $=+0.10$ " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus

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## E. CONNECTIONS - THREE or MORE ELEMENTS

1. Second element (and following elements) may be used twice,
a) First time as last element of first connection, and
b) Second time as first element beginning new connection.
2. Applies ONLY for elements with VP credit.
3. An additional +0.10 connection / series Bonus to be awarded for any three element Acro flight series with a minimum "C" Salto / Aerial or "D/E" flight element with or without hand support (excluding dismounts).
EXAMPLES - Do NOT receive additional +0.10 connection / series Bonus:
1) Switch-leg Leap ("C") +

Switch-leg Leap ("C") +
Stretched Jump 11/2 (540 ) turn ("D")

- Award + 0.20 "C" + "C"
- Award + 0.20 "C" + "D

Total $=+0.40 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
Plus =+ 0.10 "D/E" Bonus
2) Switch-leg Leap ("C") +

Gainer Salto backward stretched with step-out ("D") +
Flic-Flac ("B")
4. Award +0.20 "C" + " $D$ "
5. Award +0.20 " $D$ " + " $B$ "

Total $=+0.40 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
Plus $=+0.10$ " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus
EXAMPLES - Awarded additional +0.10 connection / series Bonus:

1) Flic-Flac step-out ("B") +

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C") +
Flic-Flac step-out ("B")
$\bigcap+\omega_{+} \bigcap$

- Award +0.10 " $B$ " + " $C$ "-Salto
- Award + 0.10 "C"-Salto + "B"
- Award +0.10 for 3 element acro flight series (see 3 . Above) Total $=+0.30 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus

2) Flic-Flac step-out ("B") +

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C") +
Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C")

- Award + 0.10 "B" + "C"-Salto
- Award +0.20 " $C$ "-Salto + "C"-Salto
- Award +0.10 for 3 element acro flight series (see 3 . above) Total $=+0.40 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus

3) Flic-Flac step-out ("B") + Salto backward tucked ("C") + Salto backward stretched to two feet ("E") $\bigcap+\cdots+e^{\prime \prime}$

- Award + 0.10 "B" + "C"-Salto
- Award + 0.20 "C" + "E"
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3 . above)

Total $=+0.40 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
Plus $=+0.20$ " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus
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## CONNECTIONS - THREE or MORE ELEMENTS (continued)

4) Mount: Round-off, Flic-Flac ("D") +

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C") $+\quad N_{+}+\omega^{+}$+
Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C")

- Award + 0.20 "D"-mount + "C"
- Award + 0.20 " C " + "C"
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3. above)

Total $=+0.50 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
Plus $=+0.10$ "D/E" Bonus
5) Handspring forward with step-out ("B") + Aerial walkover ("D") +
Flic-Flac ("B")

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- Award + 0.20 "B" + "D"
- Award + 0.20 " $D$ " + "B"
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3 . above

Total $=+0.50 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
Plus $=+0.10$ "D/E" Bonus
6) Flic-Flac step-out ("B") + Flic-Flac step-out ("B") + $\quad \bigcap_{+} \bigcap_{+} \varrho^{n}+\varepsilon^{n}$

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C") +
Salto backward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist dismount ("B")

- Award +0.10 for " B " + " B " + " C "-Salto
- No CV for "C"-Salto + "B" dismount
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3 . above)

Total $=+0.20 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
Salto backward stretched with step-out (last element of $1^{\text {st }}$ connection) and (first element of $2^{\text {nd }}$ connection).

- Connection of two Acro flight elements excludes dismount; therefore,
- No CV Bonus awarded for "C" + "B" dismount connection

7) Flic-Flac step-out ("B") +

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C") +
Flic-Flac step-out ("B") +
Salto backward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist
dismount ("B")

- Award +0.10 " $B$ " + "C"-Salto
- Award +0.10 "C"-Salto + "B"
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3 . above)

Total $=+0.30 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
8) $\begin{aligned} & \text { Flic-Flac step-out ("B") }+ \\ & \text { Flic-Flac step-out ("B") }+ \\ & \end{aligned}$

Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C")

- Award +0.10 for " B " +B " + " C "-Salto Award, $\mathbf{O R}+0.10$ for " B " +C "-Salto
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3 . above)

Total $=+0.20 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus

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CONNECTIONS - THREE or MORE ELEMENTS (continued)
9) Flic-Flac ("B") +

Flic-Flac with support on one arm ("C") $+\bigcap+\bigcap+\varrho$
Salto backward stretched with step-out ("C")

- No CV Bonus for "B" + "C" (non-Salto)
- No CV Bonus for "B + C" (non-Satto)
- Award +0.20 for "C" + "C"-Salto, OR "B" + "C" + "C"
- Award +0.10 for 3 element Acro flight series (see 3 . above)

Total $=+0.30 \mathrm{CV}$ Bonus
III. "D/E" BONUS - LEVEL 9 AND 10 ONLY

## A. "D/E" ELEMENTS MAY REPLACE

1. Required VP of "A"/ "B"/ "C" and
2. Awarded "D/E" Bonus
B. "D/E" BONUS AWARDED WHEN ELEMENTS ARE PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY 1. Without fall.
3. Without spot
C. "D/E" BONUS FOR LEVEL 9

MAXIMUM OF + 0.10 AWARDED for "D/E" Bonus.
The 1st restricted "D/E" Acro element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus one
time ONLY.

1. If $1^{51}$ Restricted " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element results in $\mathbf{0}$ VP: No Bonus is awarded.
2. If $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted " $D / E$ " element receives VP credit but is performed with a fall: NO Bonus is awarded.

- Additional Restricted "D/E" elements receiving VP credit: Deduct 0.50 each time for additional Restricted elements from the SV. Do NOT award VP or SR.

3. $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element counts as " C " in Connection Value Principles.
D. "D/E" BONUS FOR LEVEL 10
4. MAXIMUM OF +0.40 AWARDED for "D/E" Bonus.
a. "D" elements each receive +0.10 Bonus

EXCEPTION: Same "D" or "E" element performed a second time.
EXCEPION: Same "D" or "E" element performed a second time. b. Second time element is complete - VP credit awarded.
c. "D/E" Bonus awarded.

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## IV. ADDITIONAL BONUS + 0.10 - LEVEL 10 ONLY

## A. ELIGIBLE TO EARN BONUS POINTS

1. Both CV Bonus and "D/E" Bonus
a. Minimum of +0.10 for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ ".
b. Minimum of +0.10 for CV .
2. Remaining 0.30 may be earned
a. "D/E" Bonus or CV Bonus.
b. Maximum SV = 10.00.
3. Eligible for additional Bonus +0.10 (NOT included in SV),
a. MUST have 10.0 SV
b. Total Bonus $=+0.60$ or more, and
c. Minimum of one "E" Acro element (no fall / no spot)

## B. ADDITIONAL BONUS - NOT INCLUDED IN START VALUE

1. Each judge adds the additional Bonus to her / his score and MUST visibly indicate,
by means of a placard or other signage, that Bonus was awarded.
2. If using paper score slips, Judge should also indicate in writing any Bonus awarded.

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## V. BONUS RESTRICTIONS

## A. FALLS or SPOT:

1. During "D/E" element - no "D/E" Bonus
2. In CV element - No CV Bonus

EXCEPTION: Connection of three or four VPs, fall on last element:
a. First two or three elements eligible for Connection Value (CV) Bonus
b. Award CV Bonus for successfully completed connections

EXAMPLE
Round-off + Flic-Flac + Salto backward stretched with step-out + Salto backward stretched with
step-out (fall)
"B" "B" CC" CC" Fall

- Award +0.10 CV for 3-element connection "B" + "B" + "C"
- Award +0.10 for 3 -element Acro flight series


## B. REPEATED "D/E" ELEMENT - LEVEL 10

1. "D/E" Bonus awarded one time ONLY.
2. No "D/E" Bonus for same "D" or "E" a second time, unless Different connection (before / after),
a. The first time a "D/E" element receives VP credit; however, if performed with a fall, no Bonus is warded xample: Gymnast performs an Aerial Cartwheel, lands on beam on one foot and falls: Award ; NO bonus.
b. The second time the same " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element is performed and meets the requirement to receive VP (performed in a different connection without a spot or fall), Bonus is awarded. Example: Gymnast repeats the Aerial Cartwheel, lands on beam connecting to a Flic-flac = Award VP, DV, and CV.
C. EXACT SAME CONNECTION REPEATED, CV BONUS NOT AWARDED
D. LEVEL 9 \& 10 - TOTAL BONUS CREDIT POSSIBLE:
3. Level 10: +0.50 total Bonus needed to start at 10.0
a. No more than +0.40 may be awarded for CV.
b. No more than +0.40 may be awarded for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ "
4. Level 9: +0.30 total Bonus needed to start at 10.0 .
a. No more than +0.30 may be awarded for CV .

- If first "D/E" Acro element performed is contained in a Bonus connection, it receives +0.10 " $D / E$ " Bonus and acts as a " $C$ " for CV Connection Principle.
b. No more than +0.10 may be awarded for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ "
- ONLY the first "D/E" Acro element receiving VP credit may be eligible for +0.10 "D/E" Bonus.
- No "D/E" Bonus for "D/E" Dance elements.
E. LEVEL 6 / 7 / 8 NOT ELIGIBLE for CONNECTION VALUE (CV) BONUS







SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - GENERAL INFORMATION - CHAPTER 1

## WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT (DEV) PROGRAM OPTIONAL FLOOR EXERCISE RULES

|  | SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (SR) <br> Deduct 0.50 for Each Missing SR | VALUE <br> PARTS <br> (VP) $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{A}=.10 \\ & \mathrm{~B}=.30 \\ & \mathrm{C}=.50 \end{aligned}$ | ALLOWABLE ELEMENTS \& DIFFICULTY RESTRICTIONS <br> Restricted Elements 0.50 deduction - off SV No credit for VP or SR | START (SV) \& BONUS | TIMING <br> Routine <br> Time Limi |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1. One Acro pass- min. 3 directly connected <br> elements, 2 with flight <br> 2. Second Acro pass with 1 Salto/Aerial (backward/forward/sideward), isolated or in a $2^{\text {nd }}$ different connection <br> 3. Dance Passage-min. 2 different Grp. 1 elements (directly/indirectly connected) with 1 Leap requiring $180^{\circ}$ cross/side split <br> 4. Turn - minimum $360^{\circ}$ Turn on 1 foot | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A}=5 \\ \mathrm{~B}=1 \\ \mathrm{C}=0 \\ \text { Allowable } \\ \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{B} \\ \text { value } \end{gathered}$ | Allowable: <br> All "A" / "B" elements ONE restricted "C" Dance element considered in chronological order. <br> Restricted: <br> Any additional "C" Dance <br> All Acro "C/D/E" elements |  | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{~min} . \\ 15 \mathrm{sec} . \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 1.2. Minimum of 2 Acro passes <br> - 1 with Salto backward, min. 2 directly connected flight elements <br> - 1 with Salto forward (add'I elements allowed) <br> - 1 Salto (forward or backward) must be stretched (no twist) \& land on 2 feet <br> 3. Dance Passage - min. 2 diff. Grp. 1 elem. (directly or indirectly connected) with 1 Leap requiring $180^{\circ}$ cross/side split <br> 4. Minimum $360^{\circ}$ Turn on one foot | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A}=5 \\ \mathrm{~B}=2 \\ \mathrm{C}=0 \\ \text { Allowable } \\ \text { C's }=\mathrm{B} \\ \text { value } \end{gathered}$ | Allowable: <br> All "A" / "B" elements <br> Any " $C$ " Dance element (unlimited) <br> Restricted: <br> D/E" Dance or Acro "C/D/E" elements |  | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{~min} . \\ 30 \mathrm{sec} . \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 1. Acro pass with min. of 2 Saltos (same/diff.), directly connected / indirectly connected w/flight elements (with/without hand support) <br> 2. Three different Saltos (NOT Aerials) <br> 3. Dance Passage - min. 2 diff. Grp. 1 elem. (directly / indirectly connected) with 1 Leap requiring $180^{\circ}$ cross/side split <br> 4. Min. "A" Salto performed as last isolated Salto or within last Salto connection | $\begin{aligned} & A=4 \\ & B=4 \\ & C=0 \end{aligned}$ <br> Allowable C's = B value | Allowable: <br> All " $A$ " / " $B$ " elements, Any "C" Dance elements ONE restricted "C" Acro element considered in chronological order. <br> Restricted: <br> Any additional Acro "C/D/E" Any "D/E" Dance element |  | 1 min. <br> 30 sec . |
|  | 1. Acro pass with min. of 2 Saltos (same/diff.), directly connected / indirectly connected w/flight elements (with/without hand support) <br> 2. Three different Saltos (NOT Aerials) <br> 3. Dance Passage - min. 2 diff. Grp. 1 elem. (directly / indirectly connected) with 1 Leap requiring $180^{\circ}$ cross/side split <br> 4. Min. "B" Salto performed as last isolated Salto or within last Salto connection | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{A}=3 \\ \mathrm{~B}=4 \\ \mathrm{C}=1 \\ \text { Allowable } \\ \text { D/E's }=\mathrm{C} \\ \text { value } \end{gathered}$ | Allowable: <br> All "A" / "B" / "C" elements Any "D/E" Dance elements, and ONE restricted "D/E" Acro element considered in chronological order. <br> Restricted: <br> Any additional Acro "D/E" element |  <br> .70 SV <br> Bonus: <br> 0.30 CV <br> OR <br> 0.20 CV ; <br> 0.10 DE <br> ONLY ${ }^{\text {st }} \mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ <br> eligibe for <br> $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ Bonus | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{~min} . \\ 30 \mathrm{sec} . \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 1. Acro pass with min. of 2 Saltos (same/diff.), directly connected / indirectly connected w/flight elements (with/without hand support) <br> 2. Three different Saltos (NOT Aerials) <br> 3. Dance Passage - min. 2 diff. Grp. 1 elem. (directly / indirectly connected) with 1 Leap requiring $180^{\circ}$ cross/side split <br> 4. Min. "C" Salto performed as last isolated Salto or within last Salto connection | $\begin{aligned} & A=3 \\ & B=3 \\ & C=2 \end{aligned}$ | No difficulty restrictions <br> Extra +0.10 Bonus (NOT in SV) if exercise has: <br> - Met all Difficulty/Special Req. <br> - Min. of 0.60 total Bonus <br> - "E" Acro Element | 9.50 SV <br> Bonus: Max. of 0.50 (min. +0.1 min. +0.1 CV | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{~min} . \\ 30 \mathrm{sec} . \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Timing Routine: Begins with first movement. Time ends with final movement. No warning is given. <br> educts 0.10 from average score for overtime. No overtime deduction if within fraction of second over the time limit. |  |  |  |  |

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I. APPARATUS SPECIFICATIONS / RULINGS
A. USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S RULES AND POLICIES (R\&P)

1. See Chapter 11: Apparatus Requirements in current $R \& P$ for specific equipment regulations
2. Requirements are subject to change every competitive year, beginning August 1 .

## B. ALLOWED UP TO TWO MANUFACTURED MATS:

1. ONLY one skill cushion / 4" throw mat per tumbling pass allowed.

- No more than two mats on Floor Exercise (FX) area at any one point in time.

2. Mats covering boundary line(s) MUST be clearly marked to indicate actual boundary line(s)

- CJ deducts 0.10 from average score for failure to mark mat.

3. No requirement to remove additional mat(s) from FX area during the exercise
4. It is NOT permissible to put other marks on the landing mats.
C. SUPPLEMENTAL MATTING (sting mat, 4" throw mat, 8" skill cushion)
5. Chief Judge (CJ) takes a $\underline{0.30}$ deduction from average score for use of any unauthorized or
additional matting.
6. Conversion for inches to centimeters:
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| Approx. $3 / 4$ inch | 2 cm |
| :---: | :---: |
| 4 inches | 10 cm |
| $41 / 2$ inches | 12 cm |
| 8 inches | 20 cm |
| 9 inches | 24 cm |

## II. TIMING REGULATIONS

A. TIMED AND TOUCH WARM-UP PROCEDURES

1. Block time for timed warm-up NOT allowed on FX
2. The entire squad warms up at the same time for FX. The amount of time is calculated by multiplying the allowable warm-up time per athlete by the number of athletes in the largest squad in that session.

- See Chapter 9: Meet warm-ups in the R\&P for specific warm-up and timing procedures

3. If warm-up time is exceeded, a warning is given

Exceeding warm-up time after warning:
a. Chief Judge (CJ) deducts 0.20 from average score.
b. In team competitions, deduct from team event score
5. Gymnast allowed to jump within boundaries of Floor Exercise mat to warm-up while waiting to compete.
B. TIMING OF THE EXERCISE

1. Maximum time limit:

| LEVEL | MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT |
| :---: | :---: |
| Level $7 / 8 / 9 / 10$ | $1: 30$ |
| Level 6 | $1: 15$ |

2. Timing begins with first movement and stops with final movement.
3. Entire exercise is evaluated, regardless of overtime.
4. CJ deducts 0.10 from average score for overtime
a. Deduction MUST be indicated to coach either verbally or visually.
b. No overtime deduction taken if within fraction of second over the time allotment. EXAMPLE: 1:30.01-1:30.99 (less than 1:31). Do NOT take overtime deduction.
5. No time warning is given on Floor Exercise.

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C. SHORT EXERCISE: less than $\mathbf{3 0}$ seconds (either complete or incomplete)

1. Deduct for any missing Value Parts (VP) from Start Value (SV).
2. Deduct 0.50 each for any missing Special Requirements (SR) from SV.
3. CJ deducts 2.00 from average score.
4. Minimum score of 1.00 is awarded when optional routine score is equal to or less than one ( 1.00 point.

## III. MUSIC REGULATIONS

## A. MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT:

1. MUST be recorded with orchestra, piano or other instruments
. Without singing / voice - human sounds are allowed, provided no lyrics spoken or sung. A ingle word used as a rhythmical sound is allowed
a. No deduction for music with whistles / animal sounds.
b. CJ deducts 1.00 from average score for absence of music / music with lyrics / song.
2. Any question regarding music containing words:
. Music and music approval form should be sent to Regional Technical Committee
1) 
2) Dev Program Director
a) Dev Program Director will then forward questionable music piece to National Technica Committee Chairman (NTCC) and Dev Technical Director for discussion.
b) Dev Program Director will send final decision to the RTCC, using the official music approva form.
3) RTCC sends to the coach.
c. Coach should carry approval form to competitions:
on that music has been approved
4) No deduction should be taken if form can be provided

## B. PROCEDURES FOR MUSIC FAILURE (TECHNICAL FAILURE)

1. Gymnast continues routine.
a. Upon completion, MUST decide whether to resume from point of music failure or accept score given.
. Judges will NOT post score until decision is mad
c. No deduction would be taken for absence of music if decision is to accept score.
2. Gymnast stops performance immediately:
a. May request permission from CJ to continue from point of music failure.
b. If permission granted, after reasonable amount of rest time gymnast may perform again from point of music failure.

## C. MUSIC MUST BE RECORDED DIGITALLY

1. Meet Directors (at all sanctioned events):
a. MUST provide options for ONLY digital copies of music (MP3 players, computers, tablets, smart phones, etc.).
b. Electronic devices MUST have display screen and MUST be on airplane mode, when applicable. - Playing music via Bluetooth is NOT allowed.
2. Meet Directors are NOT required to provide compact disc players. to play / errors. Accessing music via cellular or internet connections at competitions is NOT allowed.

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## IV. LINE VIOLATIONS (OUT OF BOUNDS)

A. TOUCH OUTSIDE BOUNDARY AREA:

1. Steps on, but NOT over, the line - NOT considered out of bounds.

XX area marked by two different colors:
b. Any part of the body touching the outside color, considered out of bounds.
. Permissible to place small pieces of tape on the inside corners of boundary:

1) Same color as FX area carpet
3. Out of bounds deduction actual boundary area

## B. NEUTRAL DEDUCTION

- CJ deducts 0.10 from average score for each line violation
C. FALLS - OUT OF BOUNDS:

1. Each judge deducts 0.50 for the fall
2. CJ deducts 0.10 from average score for each line violation
D. ELEMENT LANDING - OUT OF BOUNDS:
3. Take-off MUST be performed while inside boundary line to receive VP credit.
4. Take-off performed outside of boundary line:
. No VP credit awarded
b. No SR awarded.
c. No Connection Value (CV) Bonus awarded (if applicable)
d. No "D/E" Bonus awarded (if applicable).

## E. LINE JUDGES PRESENT:

1. Two Line Judges ideal.
. Should be seated at opposite corners to insure clear view of two lines each.
. Indicate line violations by raising flag or their hand.
F. NO LINE JUDGES PRESENT:
2. Chief and panel judge(s) MUST watch for line violations
3. Indicate line violations by raising their hand

## G. LINE VIOLATIONS NOTIFICATIONS

1. Indicated in writing by line judge / panel judge.
2. Submitted to CJ.
3. Deduction MUST be communicated to coach verbally or visually
V. COACH - ON FX AREA / SPOTTING REGULATIONS

LEVEL 6/7/8/9/10
A. NO DEDUCTION - COACH ON FX AREA:

1. When placing, adjusting or removing a mat.
2. During the exercise to remove any object which may impede or endanger the athlete. EXAMPLE: hair clips, eyeglasses, etc.
B. COACH ON FX AREA (without assisting gymnast):
3. CJ deducts 0.50 from average score for "coach on the floor".
4. Applied ONLY one time, regardless of the number of times coach enters the area

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C. COACH ON FX AREA (assists gymnast during an element):

1. Each judge deducts $\underline{0.50}$ for spot.
2. If fall occurs after spot, each judge also deducts $\underline{0.50}$ for fall.
3. No VP or SR credit awarded (if applicable).
4. No "D/E" or CV Bonus awarded (if applicable).
5. CJ deducts 0.50 from average score for "coach on the floor".
6. "Coach on the floor" deduction is applied ONLY one time, regardless of the number of times coach enters the area.
D. COACH ON FX AREA (assists gymnast on landing of element):
7. Each judge deducts 0.50 for the spot.
8. If falls after spot, each judge also deducts 0.50 for fall.
9. Award VP credit.
10. Award SR credit (if applicable).
11. No Bonus awarded (if applicable).
12. "C deducts 0.50 from average score for "coach on the floor"
"Coach on the floor" deduction is applied ONLY one time, regardless of the number of times coach
Coach catches a falling gymnast: $\underline{0.50}$ fall; no deduction for spot; CJ deducts $\underline{0.50}$ from average score for "coach on the floor"
E. COACH OR TEAMMATE TOUCHES / PUSHES GYMNAST TO STOP MOMENTUM -

RUNNING / FALLING OUT OF BOUNDS.

1. Each judge deducts 0.50 for assisting gymnast.
2. If gymnast falls after assistance, do NOT deduct for both assistance and fall.
. If gymnast falls after assistance, do No
3. Award VP credit.
4. Award SR credit (if applicable).
5. No Bonus awarded (if applicable).
6. CJ deducts 0.10 from average score for line violation.

## F. STAND AROUND FLOOR EXERCISE AREA TO CHEER:

1. Gymnasts / coaches are permitted.
2. MUST NOT obstruct the view of judges / spectators.
3. Obstruction:
b. If obstruction continues, CJ deducts 0.20 for unsportsmanlike conduct 1) All-Around score of gymnast creating obstruction, $O R$
2) Team score of team in violation.

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## VI. RECOGNITION (COUNTING) OF VALUE PARTS (VP)

## A. ANY FX ELEMENT MAY RECEIVE VP CREDIT TWO TIMES PROVIDED:

- Repeated element MUST occur in a different connection. (i.e., either isolated one time and in a connectio another time, OR when the repeated element is performed in two connections, in which it is preceded o followed by a different element that is listed in the Dev Code of Points (COP) - whether it received VP credit or not).

1. Leap / jump / hop / NOT found in Dev COP:
. May be awarded comparable VP credit of the "root" element
b. May have variations of leg position and landing position.
c. New elements NOT listed in Dev COP:
1) MUST be evaluated by Regional Technical and Regional Development Program Committee Chairmen.
2) Element evaluation form on USA Gymnastics website (Women - Forms - Meet Forms)
2. Same " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element performed a second time in different connection:
a. Level 10:
1) Receives VP credit twice
2) Eligible for CV Bonus each time (if applicable)
3) Eligible for "D/E" Bonus ONLY ONCE.
b. Level 9:
4) If " $D / E$ " Dance element performed twice in different connection:

- Receives VP credit twice, eligible for CV Bonus each time (if applicable).

2) If " $D / E$ " Acro element performed twice in different connection:
a) First time - receives credit for VP, SR, "D/E" Bonus ( +0.10 ) and CV Bonus (if applicable),
b) Second time - receives NO credit for VP, SR or CV Bonus (if applicable). Deduct 0.50 for restricted element.
3. Same element is performed a third time, or performed second time in exact same connection
a. No VP credit awarded.

EXCEPTION: Round-offs / Flic-Flacs / Handsprings forward in Acro pass with Saltos
b. No SR awarded (MUST receive VP credit to fulfill SR).
c. All applicable execution and amplitude deductions are applied.
d. No CV Bonus awarded with no VP credit.

EXCEPTION: VP credit awarded for an element performed for the third time if NOT previously awarded VP credit because

1) Element lacked completion first or second time performed, OR
2) Element was used in exact same connection the second time performed
4. Saltos / Aerials required to land on feet first MUST land on any part of the bottom of foot/feet first to receive VP credit.
a. Deduct 0.50 for the fall if landing hands and bottom of feet simultaneously. VP credit will be awarded.
b. Deduct 0.50 for the fall with failure to land on bottom of feet first. VP credit is NOT awarded.
5. Definition of Acro pass:

An approach (usually initiated by a hurdle or run) resulting in the performance of one or more Acro elements (with or without hand support). An Acro pass with two or more non-Salto elements MUST be directly connected. An Acro pass with two or more Saltos may be directly or indirectly connected with flight elements with hand support.

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## B．ELEMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED DIFFERENT FOR COUNTING VP＇S

in the following instances：
1．Different number in the $\operatorname{Dev}$ COP
Same number in the $\operatorname{Dev} C O P$ ，but meets the following criteria：
a．Saltos are performed with different body positions．
1）Tuck，pike and stretched Salto＝different elements
）Position maintained during maiority of Salto determ
Element is performed with different degrees of turn $\left(1 / 2,1 / 1,1^{1 / 2}\right)$ ．
NOTE：addition of $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn does NOT make element different，unless specifically listed in $\operatorname{Dev}$ COP．
EXAMPLES：
1）\＃1．115 Tuck Jump $\underline{\mathscr{U}}$ and Tuck Jump with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn $\underline{\mathscr{U}}=$ different elements
2）Tuck Jump with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn $\underline{\breve{U}}$ and Tuck Jump with $3 / 4\left(270^{\circ}\right)$ turn
Take－off for leap／jump／hop from one or two legs．
EXAMPLE：
\＃1．101 Split Leap $\longrightarrow$ O and a Split Jump $\bar{\square}=$ two different elements．
d．Acro elements with support on one or both arms，with or without flight，or free（no hand support）．
EXAMPLE
\＃5．104 Cartwheel $X$ ，Dive cartwheel $X$ ，and Aerial cartwheel $X_{f}=$ different elements．
e．Addition／deletion of Salto／Aerial／＂B＂Acro flight（hand support）element： Acro pass considered different for counting VP＇s．
EXAMPLES：
1） $1^{\text {st }}$ pass：Salto forward tucked，Handspring forward，Salto forward stretched．$\gamma \bigcap$
$\underline{2^{\text {nd }} \text { pass：Salto forward tucked，Handspring forward，Flyspring，Salto forward stretched }}$

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－With the addition of Flyspring＂B＂Acro flight（hand support）$=$ two different passes
VP credit awarded to all elements．
2） $1^{\text {st }}$ pass：Salto forward tucked，Round－off，Flic－Flac，Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist

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$2^{\text {nd }}$ pass：Round－off，Flic－Flac，Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist
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With the deletion of Salto forward tucked＝two different passe

3） $1^{\text {st }}$ pass：Aerial walkover，Round－off，Flic－Flac，Salto backward tucked． イへQ
2 $^{\text {nd }}$ pass： Round－off，Flic－Flac，Salto backward tucked
－With deletion of Aerial walkover $=$ two different passes
VP credit awarded to all elements．
f．Addition／deletion of Dance VP element following and directly connected to last element in an Acro pass makes Acro pass different．

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## C. ELEMENTS LISTED UNDER THE SAME NUMBER WILL BE CONSIDERED THE SAME, in

 the following instances:1. Salto forward tucked with two-foot landing or with step-out considered same element.

EXAMPLE: Salto forward tucked step-out, Salto forward tucked to 2 -feet = same element.
$\gamma_{\gamma}^{\text {step-out, Salto }}$
2. Addition of one or more Flic-Flacs or Handsprings forward prior to a Salto will NOT make

Addition of one or more Flic-Flacs or Handsprings forward prior to a Salto will NOT mater
Acro pass different, regardless of the order that the Acro passes are performed within routine. The Salto receives VP credit ONLY for first time performed.
EXAMPLE:
$1^{\text {st }}$ pass: Round-off, Flic-Flac, Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist $\backslash \cap \xi$
$2^{\text {nd }}$ pass: Round-off, Flic-Flac, Flic-Flac, Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist. $\left.K \cap \cap\right\}$

- Both considered same Acro pass.
- ONLY first Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist receives "C" VP credit.

3. To receive VP credit a second time for the same Salto, there MUST be a different element preceding or directly following the Salto.
EXAMPLE 1:
$1^{\text {st }}$ pass: Handspring forward, Salto forward piked $\Omega$ $2^{\text {nd }}$ pass: Punch Salto forward piked OV

- Second pass is different = has no Handsprings forward.
- Both Saltos forward piked receive "B" VP credit.

EXAMPLE 2:
1st pass: Round-off, Flic-Flac, double Salto backward tucked $\not \subset \cap$ U
2 pass: Round-off, double Salto backward tucked $\backslash \bigcup$

- Last pass is different = has no Flic-Flacs.
- Both double Saltos backward tucked receive "D" VP credit.

EXAMPLE 3:
$1^{\text {stt pass: }}$ Round-off, Flic-Flac, Salto backward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist $\measuredangle \cap \varepsilon$
2nd pass: Round-off, Flic-Flac, Salto backward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist, Flic-Flac $\not \cap \subset \cap$

- Since the additional Flic-Flac follows the Salto $=2^{\text {nd }}$ pass is different.
- Both Saltos backward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist receive "B" VP credit.

4. Split Leap / Stag Leap considered same element. $\xrightarrow[-]{\square}=\square$

Split Jump / Stag Jump considered same element.

- Leaps and jump considered different with one-foot or two-foot take-off.
D. CONSIDERATIONS AWARDING VALUE PART CREDIT WHEN A FALL OCCURS:
- Failure to land on bottom of feet first on Salto element:

1. No VP, no SR, no Bonus credit awarded
2. Deduct 0.50 for fall.
3. Deduct for execution / amplitude errors.

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## E. REQUIRED TECHNIQUE FOR RECOGNITION OF VALUE PARTS

1. Leg positions / posture / body position / amplitude requirements indicated in the Dev COP MUST be lfilled to award VP credit
2. Appropriate execution / amplitude deductions, in some cases, would be taken rather than recognizing a different element.
3. Split Leaps / Split Jumps

Split Leaps and Jumps require $180^{\circ}$ leg separation. For insufficient split - evaluate as follows:


$0.05-0.10$ missing $1^{\circ}-20^{\circ}$ of the split | $0.15-0.20$ | missing $21^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$ of the split |
| :--- | :--- |
| Award VP performed | missing $46^{\circ}$ or more of the split |

NOTE: Deduct for insufficient amplitude / execution and insufficient split.
4. Twisting Saltos - Incomplete LA (Long Axis) Turn


Completion of twist clarification:

- Placement of front foot upon landing determines the amount of twist completed
- Twist completion determines VP credit

5. Turning leaps / jumps / hops and turns on one foot with $360^{\circ}$ turn or more

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\hline 0.05-0.10 & \text { missing } 1^{\circ}-44^{\circ} \text { of the turn } \\
\hline 0.15-0.20 & \text { missing } 45^{\circ}-89^{\circ} \text { of the turn } \\
\hline \text { Award VP performed } & \text { missing } 90^{\circ} \text { or more of the turn } \\
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NOTE: Deduct for balance / insufficient amplitude / execution
Completion of turns clarification:

- Heel drops = turn completion.


6. Leaps / jumps / hops with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn

EXAMPLE: Wolf Jump $1 / 2$ ("B") and Wolf Jump ("A")

- Degree of turn completion upon landing determines VP awarded.
- To receive higher value, turn MUST finish closer to higher degree of turn.
- Minimum of $1^{\circ}$ past halfway mark between the two values.
- Execution deductions for incomplete turn will be applied.



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## F. SPECIFIC ELEMENT TECHNIQUE CLARIFICATIONS

1. \#1.101 Split Jump ("A") vs. \#1.110 Sissonne ("A"):

Cross Split Jump has 2 -foot take-off and landing on two feet

- Cross Split Jump shows $180^{\circ}$ split with legs even, parallel to BB.
b. Sissonne has 2 -foot take-off and 1 -foot landing.
- Sissonne requires $180^{\circ}$ split of legs, in diagonal position with:

1) Front leg forward-downward (minimum of $45^{\circ}$ from BB ) and
2) Back leg backward-upward (minimum of horizontal).
3) Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient amplitude if front leg of Sissonne is lacking minimum of $45^{\circ}$ from floor.
2. \#1.204 Split Leap forward with leg change (Switch-leg Leap) ("B"):
\#1.204 Split Leap forward with leg change (Switch-leg Leap) ("B"):
b. First leg does NOT reach $45^{\circ}=$ award " $B$ " VP credit. Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient height of leg swing
c. Required leg separation following leg change is $180^{\circ}$ split for " B " value Switch-leg Leap.

- Deduct up to 0.20 for insufficient split after leg change, if applicable.
d. Split less than $135^{\circ}=$ award " A " VP credit; no SR credit for Leap with $180^{\circ}$ cross / side split.
- Deduct up to 0.20 for insufficient leg separation
e. Stag-Switch leg Leap - swing leg bent minimum of $90^{\circ}$ (stag) with no extension of leg prior to leg switch = award "A" VP credit (Stag-Split Leap)

3. \#1.208 Schushunova ("B"):
a. MUST show $180^{\circ}$ side-split or straddle-pike position, rotate legs rearward to horizontal stretched body position in the air before landing.
b. Slight forward lean, rather than strict vertical torso, is acceptable.
4. \#1.210 Ring or Stag-Ring Leap / Jump ("B"):
a. Head release backward past vertical line MUST be shown to be considered "ring" position.
b. Expected amplitude of rear foot is to the top of head
c. Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient arch.
d. Deduct up to 0.10 if rear foot is at shoulder or upper back height.
e. Rear foot at hip-height or no backward head release (regardless of height of leg) considered Split Leap with bent back leg \#1.101 ("A") or Sissonne \#1.110 ("A").
f. Ring Jump expectations are:
) From floor
Ring leg
. Ring Leap expectations are:
2) Front leg MUST be a minimum of $45^{\circ}$ from the floor when ring shape is executed
3) Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient amplitude of front leg.
h. Stag-Ring Jump or Stag-Ring Leap expectations are.
4) Front leg bent a minimum of $90^{\circ}$ with no extension of leg
5) $180^{\circ}$ leg separation from front knee to back knee.

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## SPECIFIC ELEMENT TECHNIQUE CLARIFICATIONS (continued)

5. \#1.305 Switch-leg Leap with $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn (Switch-side Leap) ("C"):

First leg should swing forward to minimum of $45^{\circ}$ prior to swinging backward

1) Fail to swing first leg forward to minimum of $45^{\circ}$ but completes $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn. Award "C" VP. Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient height of leg swing.
2) Fail to swing first leg forward to minimum of $45^{\circ}$ with incomplete $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn. Award "B" VP (recognize as Switch-leg Leap). Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient height of leg swing
b. $1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn MUST occur in the air; NOT prior to leg swinging backward.
3) Leg swings to minimum of $45^{\circ} ; 1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn occurs early - before leg begins backward swing award "C" VP. Deduct up to 0.10 for lack of precision in Dance elements.
4) Leg swing to minimum of $45^{\circ} ; 1 / 4\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn is incomplete, award "B" VP (Switch-leg Leap). Deduct up to 0.10 for lack of precision in Dance elements.
c. Expected amplitude of side-split position is $180^{\circ}$ split. Less than 13
applicable).
d. ROND DE JAMBE technique is acceptable
5) Front leg swings forward to minimum of $45^{\circ}$ prior to $\frac{1}{4}\left(90^{\circ}\right)$ turn.
6) Front leg moves Across horizontal plane to side-split position.
e. First leg stagged, award "A" VP credit.
7) First (swing) leg bent minimum of 90
8) Leg never extends prior to leg switch
6. \#1.309 Tour Jeté with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C")
1.404 Switch-leg Leap with $1 / 1$ ( $360^{\circ}$ ) turn ("D")
a. Elements often identified incorrectly.
b. Both show cross split position, finish facing same direction as take-off
c. Tour Jeté with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turns away from initial swing leg.
. Switch-leg Leap with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turns toward initial swing leg
\#1.309 ("C")
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\#1.404 ("D")
7. \#1.307 Straddle-Pike Jump with $1 / 1$ ( $360^{\circ}$ ) turn (Popa) ("C"):
a. Straddle-Pike Jump position in any phase of $360^{\circ}$ turn (with legs at or above horizontal).
b. Side-split Jump with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn receives " $C$ " VP credit.
8. \#1.308 JUMP with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn - Side-split Jump, landing in front lying support (Prone) (Schushunova 1/1) ("C") (two variations): a. Straddle-P
position.
b. Jump with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn to side-split, legs rotate back to horizontal plane to land in front lying position.
9. \#1.311 Switch-Ring Leap ("C").
a. First leg should swing forward to minimum of $45^{\circ}$ prior to swinging backward.
b. Fails to swing first leg forward to minimum of $45^{\circ}$. Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient height of leg swing.
c. Head release backward past vertical line MUST be shown to be considered "ring" position
d. Expected amplitude of rear foot is to top of head.
e. Deduct up to 0.10 if rear foot is at shoulder or upper back height.
f. Rear foot at hip-height or no backward head release (regardless of height of leg) recognized as Switch-leg Leap ("B").
g. Deduct up to 0.10 for insufficient arch.

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## SPECIFIC ELEMENT TECHNIQUE CLARIFICATIONS (continued)

10. \#2.202 $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn with free leg at or above horizontal from start to end of turn (" $B$ "
a. Allow time (up to $45^{\circ}-1 / 8^{\text {th }}$ of turn) to quickly lift leg into position without deduction. Free leg may be bent or extended, but entire leg MUST be minimum of horizontal to receive "B" VP credit.
b. MUST maintain leg position throughout turn:
1) Once minimum of horizontal position established.
c. Recognize as $1111\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn (" $A^{\prime \prime}$ "
2) Incorrect leg position for more than $45^{\circ}$ of turn, OR
3) Leg NOT maintained throughout remaining $7 / 8^{\text {ths }}\left(315^{\circ}\right)$ of turn.
11. \#2.208 $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn with free leg held upward at a $180^{\circ}$ split position ("B"):
a. Leg held between $135^{\circ}-179^{\circ}$ split:
1) Award " $B$ " VP credit.
2) Deduct up to 0.20 for insufficient split
b. Leg held less than $135^{\circ}$ split

- Award "A" for $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn

12. Saltos forward (Group 6) in Direct Connection

Any forward Salto used as an accelerating element
) No up to 0.30 deduction applied for in elficiet.
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Last Salto in connection expected to have greater amplitude.
EXAMPLE:
Handspring forward + Salto forward stretched + Salto forward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist

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The Salto forward stretched is the accelerating element in the Acro pass

1. One Acro pass - minimum three directly connected elements, two with flight
2. Second Acro pass with one Salto / Aerial (backward / forward / sideward), isolated or in a $2^{\text {nd }}$ different connection.
3. Dance passage - minimum two different Group 1 elements (directly or indirectly connected) with one Leap requiring a $180^{\circ}$ cross / side split position
4. Turn - minimum $360^{\circ}$ Turn on one foot.
5. SR \#1: One Acro pass - minimum three directly connected elements, two with flight
a. Flight or non-flight Acro element groups $5 / 6 / 7 / 8$
1) Roll category (Group 4) may NOT be used to fulfill SR \#1
2) Salto / Aerial in Acro pass \#1 may NOT also fulfill SR \#2 (Salto / Aerial).
b. Acro elements MUST receive VP credit to fulfill SR.
c. Acro pass considered broken, and NO SR awarded, when:
${ }^{\text {1) }}$ Loss of balance, causing stop between elements.
3) Repositioning of support leg.
4) Extra step / hop / jump between elements
2. SR \#2: Second Acro pass with one Salto / Aerial (backward / forward / sideward), isolated or in $2^{\text {nd }}$ different connection.
a. May be backward / forward / sideward.
b. May be isolated or in $2^{\text {nd }}$ different connection.
c. If Salto / Aerial does NOT land on bottom of feet first, no SR awarded.
3. SR \#3: Dance passage - minimum two different Group 1 elements (directly or indirectly connected) with one Leap requiring a $180^{\circ}$ cross / side split position.
a. See Level 8/9/10-SR \#3 for specific information.
b. ONLY one Group 1 "C" Dance element is allowed.
c. More than one Group 1 " C " or any " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Dance elements are NOT allowed. If performed
1) Deduct 0.50 from SV for restricted element.
2) $\mathrm{SR} \# 3$ NOT awarded.
4. SR \#4: Turn - minimum $360^{\circ}$ turn on one foot
a. Turn requirement MUST be completed in high relevé.

Heel drops onto floor during turn.
3) Deduct for incomplete turn, (see Chapter 3 - Execution and Artistry)
b. $3 / 4$ turn or less ( $90^{\circ}$ or more deficient)

1) SR \#4 NOT awarded.
2) Deduct 0.50 for missing SR \#4
c. Turn may be
3) Illusion $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("A"), with brief touch of floor with one hand.
4) Illusion $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("B"), without touching the floor with hand or free leg.
5) Both may be used to fulfill Level 6 SR \#4

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - COMPOSITIONAL CATEGORIES - CHAPTER 2
D. ALLOWABLE DIFFICULTY

| LEVEL | "A" <br> Value Part | "B" <br> Value Part | "C" <br> Value Part | "D/E" <br> Value Part |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| LEVEL <br> $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| LEVEL <br> $\mathbf{9}$ | Yes | Yes | Yes | 1. Any "D/E" Dance <br> 2. <br> elements <br> One Acro "D/E" <br> element <br> Count as "C" VP |
| LEVEL <br> $\mathbf{8}$ | Yes | Yes | 1. Any "C" Dance <br> 2.ements <br> One Acro "C" <br> element | No |
| LEVEL <br> $\mathbf{7}$ | Yes | Yes | 1. Any "C" Dance <br> element (uncimited) <br> 2. Count as "B" VP | No |
| LEVEL <br> $\mathbf{6}$ | Yes | Yes | 1. One "C" Dance <br> element <br> 2. Count as "B" VP | No |

- Guidelines for restrictions

1. Allowable elements:
a. Will receive element value listed in the chart
b. May be used to fulfill $\operatorname{SR}$.
c. Level 9 ONLY:
1) May serve as a "C" element in any applicable CV Bonus.

ONLY first "D/E" Acro element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 " $D / E$ " Bonus.
2. Restricted elements will be considered in chronological order

ONLY the first restricted element in the exercise may be:
a. Awarded VP credit.
b. Awarded SR, if applicable
c. Awarded CV Bonus, if applicable.
d. Level 8 and 9 ONLY: A restricted element may be repeated if the element receives "0" VP credit the first time.
3. Any other restricted element meeting the requirements to receiving VP credit.
a. Deduct 0.50 from SV for restricted element.
b. No VP credit awarded.
c. No SR credit awarded.
4. All appropriate execution and amplitude deductions applied to all elements performed whether VP credit is awarded or NOT.

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - EXECUTION AND ARTISTRY - CHAPTER 3
CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTIONS

0.10 Failure to mark the FX boundary line on additional mat

- Applied to any mat which covers the FX boundary line

- Applied to a

- Any part of body touching outside of FX border marking
ands Acro element in solid / loose foam pit
No VP, SR, Bonus
0.50 Coach on FX area (inside border markings)
- No deduction if coach is in FX area to remove an object fallen from gymnast (i.e., metal hair clip, eyeglasses, etc.)
- No deduction to adjust placement of or to remove a skill cushion 1.00 Absence of music or music with words or song/speech $\underline{\underline{2.00}}$ Complete or incomplete exercise less than 30 seconds
II. EXECUTION AND AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS

|  | each time 0.05 | Flexed / sickled feet on VP elements |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | up to 0.10 | Slight hop or small adjustment of feet or staggered feet (one foot in front) on landing elements |
|  | up to 0.10 | Deviation from straight direction on landing |
|  | up to 0.10 | Arm swings on landing to maintain balance |
|  | up to 0.10 | Legs crossed during Salto with twist |
|  | each up to 0.10 | Incorrect body posture / alignment during Dance VP |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { each } 0.10 \\ & \text { (max. } 0.40 \text { ) } \end{aligned}$ | Steps on landing |

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - EXECUTION AND ARTISTRY - CHAPTER 3

EXECUTION AND AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS (continued)

|  | each up to 0.20 | Leg or knee separations |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient height on leaps / jumps / hops |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient height of Aerials \& Acro flight elements with hand support |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { up to } 0.20 \\ & \\ & 0.05-0.10 \\ & 0.15-0.20 \\ & \text { lesser VP } \end{aligned}$ | Insufficient split position (deviation from $18 \mathbf{0}^{\circ}$ ) - Dance \& Acro (when required) <br> $1^{\circ}-20^{\circ}$ missing <br> $21^{\circ}-45^{\circ}$ missing <br> $46^{\circ}$ or more missing |
|  | up to 0.20 | Legs NOT parallel to floor <br> - In Split Leaps / Jumps or Straddle-Pike Jumps |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient exactness of tuck or pike position in VP elements |
|  | up to 0.20 | Failure to maintain stretched body position (pike down) |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient exactness of stretched position <br> - Arch <br> - Hip angle $\left(136^{\circ}-179^{\circ}\right)$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { up to } 0.20 \\ 0.05-0.10 \\ 0.15-0.20 \\ \text { lesser VP } \end{array}$ | Group $1 \& 2$ Dance elements (with $360^{\circ}+$ turn): Incomplete turn <br> $1^{\circ}-44^{\circ}$ missing <br> $45^{\circ}-89^{\circ}$ missing <br> $90^{\circ}$ or more missing |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { up to } 0.20 \\ 0.05-0.10 \\ 0.15-0.20 \\ \text { lesser VP } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Acro elements: Incomplete twist $1^{\circ}-44^{\circ}$ missing $45^{\circ}-89^{\circ}$ missing $90^{\circ}$ or more missing |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient variation in rhythm and tempo throughout the exercise |
|  | up to 0.20 | Insufficient dynamics - consider: <br> - Energy maintained throughout the exercise <br> - Makes difficult look effortless |
|  | up to 0.20 | Incorrect body posture on landing of VP elements |
|  | up to 0.20 | Additional trunk movements <br> - To maintain balance / control upon landing of Acro elements |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { each } 0.20 \\ & (\max \underline{0.40}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Large step / jump on landing (approximately 3 feet or more) |

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - EXECUTION AND ARTISTRY - CHAPTER 3

## EXECUTION AND AMPLITUDE DEDUCTIONS (continued)

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up to 0.30 Bent arms in support - on any one elemen
up to 0.30 Bent legs - on any one element
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\(\left(90^{\circ}\right.\) bend or greater \(=\max 0.30\) Insufficient extension up to 0.30 Squat on landing (hips even with or lower than knees)
\begin{tabular}{|l|l|}
\hline up to 0.30 & Insufficient height of Salto elements \\
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1. Does NOT apply to accelerating element in directly connected
forward Acro pass.
2. Handspring forward + Salto forward stretched + Salto forward stretched with \(1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)\) twist
Salto forward stretched \(=\) accelerating element.
up to 0.30 \begin{tabular}{l|l} 
Brush / touch landing surface with one or two hands (no support)
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| 0.50 | Support on mat with one or two hands upon landing |
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$\underline{0.50}$ Fall on mat with knee(s) or hips
$\underline{0.50}$ Fall / failure to land on the bottom of feet first (Aerials / Saltos)

- No VP, SR, Bonus
$\underline{0.50}$ Fall with simultaneously landing on bottom of feet + hands / knees
- Award VP and SR (if appropriate)
- No Bonus
0.50 Spotting assistance during an elemen
- No VP, SR, Bonus
(CJ) 0.50 Coach on the FX area
0.50 Spotting assistance upon landing an element
- Award VP \& SR
- No Bonus.
(CJ) 0.50 Coach on the FX area
0.50 Fall after spot

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - EXECUTION AND ARTISTRY - CHAPTER 3
III. SPECIFIC FX EXECUTION DEDUCTIONS

| 0.05 | Failure to hold ending pose for one second |
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| 0.10 | Failure to show synchronization of music with ending pose |
| each up to 0.10 | Incorrect rhythm during direct connections |
| each up to 0.10 | Lack of precision in Dance VP EXAMPLES: <br> - Lack of definite arm or leg position on turns / leaps <br> - Degree of turn NOT exact |
| each up to 0.10 | Fail to land with feet / legs together on jumps / leaps to two feet |
| each up to 0.10 | Fail to perform Group \# 2 turns in high relevé |
| each $\underline{0.10}$ | Concentration pause - two seconds or more |
| up to 0.30 | Poor relationship of music and movement (throughout exercise) <br> - Obvious errors in coordinating music and movement (choreography) |
| up to 0.30 | Relaxed / incorrect footwork on non-VP (throughout exercise) |
| up to 0.30 | Incorrect body alignment, position, or posture in non-VPs throughout exercise |
| (CJ) 1.00 | Absence of music |
| (CJ) 1.00 | Music with words / song (whistles, animal / human sounds are allowed) |
| (CJ) 0.50 | Coach on the FX mat (Level $6 / 7 / 8 / 9 / 10)$ |
| (CJ) $\underline{2.00}$ | Exercise shorter than $\mathbf{3 0}$ seconds (complete or incomplete) |

A. Clarification on landings - isolated Acro element / last element in Acro pass:

1. No penalty for landing with feet maximum of hip-width apart provided:
b. Small, controlled step forward (from forward Acro), or
c. Small, controlled step backward (from backward Acro) to lunge.
2. Do NOT deduct unless landing position appears out of control

## B. Minimum score of $\mathbf{1 . 0 0}$

- Awarded when optional routine score is equal to or less than one point
IV. INSUFFICENT ARTISTRY THROUGHOUT THE EXERCISE

| $0.05-0.10$ | Lack of variety in choreography (poses, phrases, connections). <br> EXAMPLES: unnecessary adjustments and / or steps without <br> choreography <br> $0.05-\mathbf{0 . 1 0}$ |
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| $\mathbf{Q u a l i t y}$ of movement to reflect personal style |  |
| $0.05-\mathbf{0 . 1 0}$ | Quality of expression (i.e., projection, focus) |

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - BONUS - CHAPTER 4

## CONNECTION VALUE (CV) BONUS

A. ACHIEVED THROUGH UNIQUE AND DIFFICULT COMBINATIONS.
B. ONLY DANCE ELEMENTS that are listed in the Dev COP may be used.
C. ONLY ACROBATIC ELEMENTS WITH FLIGHT and WITHOUT HAND SUPPORT (SALTOS AND AERIALS) that are listed in the Dev COP may be used for direct and indirect Acro connections.
D. ACROBATIC CONNECTIONS MAY BE DIRECT / INDIRECT

- All other connections (Dance / Mixed) MUST be directly connected
E. ONLY ELEMENTS THAT RECEIVE VP CREDIT may be used for CV Bonus.


## F. VP MAY BE PLACED IN ANY ORDER within a connection, unless specified

G. EXACT SAME CONNECTION may be used ONLY ONE TIME FOR CV

- Same element used in second connection, but performed in different order, award CV

EXAMPLE: both receive +0.10 CV Bonus " C " + "C"
Tuck Jump with $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C") + Wolf Jump with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C")
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Wolf Jump with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C") + Tuck Jump with $1 \frac{112}{}\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ turn ("C") $\underline{\underline{w}}$ 伿
H. "D/E" ELEMENT PERFORMED WITHIN A CONNECTION

1. Level 10: eligible for both "D/E" Bonus and CV Bonus
2. Level 9 : any allowable " $D / E$ " element or the first restricted " $D / E$ " element:
a. Awarded "C" VP credit.
. If " $D / E$ " is the first " $D / E$ " Acro element performed in exercise, also award +0.10 " $D / E$ " Bonus.
I. WITH THE CONNECTION OF THREE OR MORE ELEMENTS,
3. Second element (and those following) may be used two times.
a. First time as the last element of a CV.
b. Second time as the first element a new CV.
4. This is applied ONLY if all elements receive VP credit.
J. CONNECTIONS MAY BE AWARDED EITHER + 0.10 or $\mathbf{+ 0 . 2 0} \mathbf{C V}$ BONUS, according to the applicable principle.
K. CONNECTIONS WILL BE AWARDED CV BONUS

- Each element MUST be performed without a fall or spotting deduction.
L. MAXIMUM AWARDED FOR CV BONUS IS:

1. 0.40 for Level 10
2. Level 6 / 7 / 8 are NOT eligible for CV Bonus.

SECTION 5 －FLOOR EXERCISE－BONUS－CHAPTER 4
II．PRINCIPLES FOR AWARDING CONNECTION VALUE（CV）BONUS
A．INDIRECT ACRO CONNECTIONS－two or more Saltos／Aerials（Acro elements without hand support）

1．Indirect＝directly connected Acro elements：
a．With flight phase and hand support（Group 5 －Round－off／Flic－Flac，preparatory elements）
b．Between Saltos（Group 6／7／8）or
c．Between Acro elements（Group 5 －Aerials）with flight and without hand support．
＂C＂－SALTO PASS


EXAMPLE 2：
Round－off，Flic－flac，Salto backward with $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ twist（＂＂＂）to $\left.九 \cap\right\} \cap \cap$

## EXAMPLE 3：

Round－off，Whip Salto with $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn（＂B＂），Flyspring，
Salto forward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist（＂C＂），Flyspring，$九 \bigcap_{\text {n }}$ Salto forward piked（＂B＂）

Principles applied：
$\# 1$ Indirect（＂B＂）
（＂C＂）$=+0.10$
\＃ 1 Indirect（＂C＂）$+($（＂B＂）$=+0.10$

| $A / B "+$＂A／B＂＋＂C＂ | +0.10 |
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EXAMPLE 1：$\quad$ Salto forward tucked step－out（＂A＂），Round－off，Whip Salto（＂A＂），$ん \bigcap \sim \xi$
Flic－Flac，Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist（＂C＂）
EXAMPLE 2：
Round－off，Flic－Flac，Whip Salto（＂A＂），Whip Salto（＂A＂），$\quad$ F $\cap \cap \sim \cap \sim \cap \varepsilon$
Flic－Flac，Salto backward with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right.$ ）twist（＂C＂）＂

| ＂C＂＋＂C＂ | $\mathbf{+ 0 . 2 0}$ |
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## EXAMPLE：

Round－off，Flic－Flac，Salto backward with $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ twist（＂C＂） Round－off，Flic－Flac，Salto backward with $2 / 1$（ $720^{\circ}$ ）twist（＂C＂）

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SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - BONUS - CHAPTER 4
DIRECT CONNECTIONS - two Dance or two Dance / Acro elements (or reversed) (continued)

| "D / E" Salto + "A" Jump <br> (this order ONLY) | + 0.10 |
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| EXAMPLE: <br> Round-off, Flic-Flac, <br> Double Salto tucked ("D") + Sissonne ("A") | Knle ́ㅡㄴ |
| "B" + "D / E" | + 0.10 |
| EXAMPLE 1: <br> Switch-leg Leap ("B") + <br> Cat Leap with $2 / 1$ ( $720^{\circ}$ ) turn ("D") | $Z M$ |
| EXAMPLE 2: <br> Tuck Jump with $2 / 1$ ( $720^{\circ}$ ) turn ("D") + Flic-Flac with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("B") | $\begin{array}{ll} \infty & 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$ |
| EXAMPLE 3: <br> Round-off, Flic-Flac, <br> Double Salto backward tucked ("D"), <br> Straddle Jump ("B"), <br> Salto forward tucked ("A") | Knle 人r |
| Award +0.10 CV for Acro / Dance connection "D" <br> 1) Straddle Jump breaks connection. <br> 2) No CV Bonus awarded "D" $\rightarrow$ "A". <br> 3) No SR \#2 awarded (two-Salto pass). |  |
| "C" + "D / E" <br> (or more difficult) | + 0.20 |
| EXAMPLE 1: <br> Wolf Jump (two-foot take-off) with $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ tur <br> Schushunova with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("C") | "Wo |
| EXAMPLE 2: <br> Double ( $720^{\circ}$ ) turn ("C") + <br> Triple ( $1080^{\circ}$ ) turn (" D ") | $\frac{\Delta x}{\not x}$ |

SECTION 5 - FLOOR EXERCISE - BONUS - CHAPTER 4
D. CONNECTIONS OF THREE OR MORE ELEMENTS:

Second element (and following) may be used second time

- First time as last element of first connection.
- Second time as first element of new connection.
- All elements receive VP credit

Direct connection applied prior to indirect connection principle.

## EXAMPLE 1:

Round-off, Flic-Flac,
Salto backward stretched with $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("C"), Round-off, Flic-Flac,
Salto backward stretched with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("C"), Salto forward tucked ("A")

EXAMPLE 2:
Whip Salto ("A"),
Salto backward stretched with $11 / 2$ twist ("C"),
Salto forward tucked ("A")

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Principles applied:
"A" " "C" $=+0.10$
\#2 Direct $" \mathrm{C}$ " + "A" $=+0.10$

## EXAMPLE 3:

Salto forward tucked step-out ("A"),
Round-off, Flic-Flac,
Salto backward stretched with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("C"), Salto forward tucked ("A")

EXAMPLE 4:
Whip Salto ("A"),
Double Salto backward tucked ("D"),
Salto forward tucked ("A")

## EXAMPLE 5: <br> Round-off,

Whip Salto ("A"),
Flic-Flac,
Salto backward stretched with $21 / 2\left(900^{\circ}\right)$ twist ("D"), Flyspring, Salto forward tucked ("A")

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Principles applied:
2 Direct "C "A" = + 0.10
\#1 Indirect CANNOT be used; Direct used first.

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& \text { "A" + "D" + "A" } \\
& \text { Principles applied: } \\
& \text { \#2 Direct "A" "D" }=+0.20 \\
& \text { \#2 Direct " } D \text { " + "A" }=+0.20
\end{aligned}
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" A " \rightarrow " D " \rightarrow \text { "A" }
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> Principles applied:
> $\begin{aligned} & \text { \# } 1 \text { Indirect ("C") }+(\text { "C") }=+0.20 \\ & \# 2 \text { Direct }\left(" \mathrm{C} \text { ") }+\left(\mathrm{CA}^{\prime}\right)=+0.10\right.\end{aligned}$

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\frac{\text { Principles applied: }}{\# 1 \text { Indirect "A" }+\mathrm{D} "=+0.10}
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { \#1 Indirect } \quad \mathrm{A} \text { " }+ \text { " }=+0.10 \\
& \# 10
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& \# 1 \\
& \text { OR }
\end{aligned}
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\# 1 \text { Indirect "A" + "A" }+ \text { " } D \text { " }=+0.20
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SECTION 5 －FLOOR EXERCISE－BONUS－CHAPTER 4
CONNECTIONS OF THREE OR MORE ELEMENTS（continued）：
Second element（and following）may be used second time
Second element（and following）may be used sec
－First time as last element of first connection．
－Second time as first element of
Direct connection applied prior to indirect connection principle．

## EXAMPLE 6：

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Salto forward stretched（＂B＂），
Salto forward stretched（＂B＂），
Salto forward stretched（＂B＂），
Salto forward stretched with $1 / 1\left(360^{\circ}\right)$ twist（＂C＂）


EXAMPLE 7：
Round off，
Whip Salto $1 / 2\left(180^{\circ}\right)$ turn（＂B＂），
Salto forward stretched（＂B＂），
Salto forward stretched with $2 / 1\left(720^{\circ}\right)$ twist（＂E＂）

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& \text { "B" + "B" + "E" } \\
& \text { Principles applied: } \\
& \begin{array}{ll}
\text { \#2 Direct } & " \mathrm{~B} "+\mathrm{B} "=+0.10 \\
\text { \#2 Direct } & " \mathrm{~B} "+\mathrm{E} "=+0.20
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
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## XAMPLE 8

Salto forward stretched（＂B＂），
Salto forward with $2 / 1$（ $720^{\circ}$ ）twist（＂E＂），
Salto forward piked（＂ $\mathrm{B}^{\prime}$ ）
Salto forward piked（＂B＂）

EXAMPLE 9
alto forward tucked with step－out（＂A＂），
ound－off，Flic－Flac，Flic－Flac，
Double Salto backward tucked（＂D＂）
Flic－Flac
Salto backward stretched with $1 / 1$ twist（＂B＂）


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## III. "D/E" BONUS - LEVEL 9 AND 10 ONLY

A. "D/E" ELEMENTS MAY REPLACE

1. Required VP of "A" / "B" / "C" and
2. Awarded "D/E" Bonus.
B. "D/E" BONUS AWARDED WHEN ELEMENTS ARE PERFORMED SUCCESSFULLY
3. Without fall.

## "D/E" BONUS FOR LEVEL 9

MAXIMUM OF + 0.10 AWARDED for "D/E" Bonus
The 1st restricted "D/E" Acro element receiving VP credit can be considered for +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus one time ONLY

1. If ${ }^{\text {stt }}$ Restricted " $D / E$ " element results in 0 VP: No Bonus is awarded.
2. If An additional Restricted "D/E" element receiving VP credit MAY be considered for +0.10 DV .
3. If $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted " $D / E$ " element receives VP credit but is performed with a fall: NO Bonus is awarded

- Additional Restricted "D/E" elements receiving VP credit: Deduct 0.50 each time for additional

3. $1^{\text {st }}$ Restricted " $D / E$ " element counts as " $C$ " in Connection Value Principles.

## D. "D/E" BONUS FOR LEVEL 10

1. MAXIMUM OF + 0.40 AWARDED for "D/E" Bonus.
a. "D" elements each receive +0.10 Bonus,
b. "E" elements each receive +0.20 Bonus,$~$
2. SAME "D" or "E" ELEMENT eligible for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus one time ONLY. EXCEPTION: Same "D" or "E" element performed a second time a. $1^{\text {st }}$ time performed without touching beam or with a spot $=0 \mathrm{VP}$ :
c. "D/E" Bonus awarded.
IV. ADDITIONAL BONUS + 0.10 - LEVEL 10 ONLY
A. ELIGIBLE TO EARN BONUS POINTS
3. Both CV Bonus and "D/E" Bonus,
a. Minimum of +0.10 for " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$
b. Minimum of $+\underline{0.10}$ for CV.
4. Remaining 0.30 may be earned
a. "D/E" Bonus or CV Bon
5. Eligible for additional Bonus +0.10 (NOT included in SV).
a. MUST have 10.0 SV
b. Total Bonus $=+0.60$ or more, and
c. Minimum of one "E" Acro element (no fall / no spot).

## B. ADDITIONAL BONUS - NOT INCLUDED IN SV

1. Each judge adds the additional Bonus to her / his score and MUST visibly indicate by means
of a placard or other signage, that the additional Bonus was awarded.
. If using paper score slips, the judge should also indicate in writing any Bonus awarded.

## . BONUS RESTRICTIONS

A. FALLS or SPOT:
. During "D/E" element - No "D/E" Bonus
2. In CV element - No CV Bonus

EXCEPTION: Connection of three or four VPs, fall on last element:
a. First two or three elements eligible for CV Bonus.
b. Award CV Bonus for successfully completed connections

EXAMPLE:
Round-off, Flic-Flac,
Whip Salto ("A"),
Flic-Flac,

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Double Salto backward tucked ("D"),
Salto forward tucked (A") - falls on Salto forward tucked "A" $\rightarrow$ " $D$ " "A" FALL

- Award + 0.10 (CV) indirect connection
- Whip Salto ("A") $\rightarrow$ double Salto backward tucked ("D")


## B. REPEATED "D" / "E" ELEMENT- LEVEL 10

1. "D/E" Bonus awarded one time ONLY
2. No "D/E" Bonus for same " D " or " E " a second time, unless Different connection (before / after).
a. The first time a " $D / E$ " element receives VP credit; however, if performed with a fall, no Bonus is Example: Gymnast performs Salto forward stretched with $1 \frac{1}{2}\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ twist and falls: Award VP; NO bonus.
b. The second time the same " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " element is performed and meets the requirement to receive VP (performed in a different connection without a spot or fall), Bonus is awarded Example: Gymnast repeats the Salto forward stretched with $11 / 2\left(540^{\circ}\right)$ twist, connecting to Salto backward stretched with step-out = Award VP, DV, and CV.

## C. EXACT SAME CONNECTION REPEATED, CV BONUS NOT AWARDED.

D. LEVEL 9 \& 10 - TOTAL BONUS CREDIT POSSIBLE:

1. Level 10: +0.50 total Bonus needed to start at 10.0 a. No more than +0.40 may be awarded for CV .
b. No more than +0.40 may be awarded for " E ".
2. Level 9. +0.30 total Bonus needed to star at 10.0 .
. No more than +0.30 may be awarded for CV

- If first " $D / E$ " Acro element performed is contained in a Bonus connection, it receives +0.10 " $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{E}$ " Bonus and acts as a " C " for CV Connection Principle.
b. No more than +0.10 may be awarded for " $D / E$ ".
- ONLY the first "D/E" Acro element receiving VP credit may be eligible for +0.10 "D/E" Bonus
- No "D/E" Bonus for "D/E" Dance elements


## E. LEVEL 6 / 7 / 8 NOT ELIGIBLE for CONNECTION VALUE (CV) BONUS

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USA GYMNASTICS WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM VAULT VALUES
Effective August 1, 2022- July 31, 2026
LEVEL 6 \& 7 - ONLY THE FOLLOWING THREE VAULTS ARE ALLOWED AT LEVEL 6/7; ALL VALUED AT 10.0 Front Handspring entry onto Table,
to arrive on mat stack on the feet in a straight body position with tight arch in the upper back; arm position optional
3.116 $1 / 4-1 / 2$ twist on (Tsukahara Entry) onto Table,
to arrive on mat stack on the feet (Level $6 / 7$ ) or on the back evel 7 only) in straight-hollow body position; arm position optional
4.111 tound-off entry (Yurchenko) onto Table,
to arrive on mat stack on the feet (Level $6 / 7$ ) or on the back to arrive on mat stack on the feet (Level 6/7) or on the back
(Level 7 only) in straight-hollow body position; arm position optional


LEVEL 8 - ONLY THE FOLLOWING GROUP $1 / 3 / 4 / 5$ VAULTS ARE ALLOWED LEVEL 8 - ONLY THE FOLL

| \# in DP Code | Name of specific Allowable Vault | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.101 | Handspring | 9.0 |
| 1.102 | Handspring $\rightarrow 1 / 2$ twist | 9.1 |
| 1.103 | Yamashita | 9.0 |
| 1.104 | Yamashita $\rightarrow 1 / 2$ twist | 9.1 |
| 1.105 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline 1 / 2 \text { twist } \rightarrow 1 / 2 \text { twist } & \text { OR } \\ 1 / 4 \text { twist } \rightarrow 3 / 4 \text { twist } & \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 9.2 |
| 1.106 | $1 / 4-1 / 2$ twist $\rightarrow$ repulsion (with flight to feet) | 9.0 |
| 1.201 | Handspring $\rightarrow$ 1/1 twist | 9.5 |
| 1.202 | Handspring $\rightarrow$ 11/2 twist | 9.7 |
| 1.203 | Yamashita $\rightarrow$ 1/1 twist | 9.5 |
| 1.205 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { twist } \rightarrow 11 / 2 \text { twist } \quad \text { OR } \\ & 1 / 4 \text { twist } \rightarrow 1^{13 / 4} \text { twist } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 9.6 |
| 1.206 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { twist } \rightarrow 1 / 1 \text { twist } \quad \text { OR } \\ & 1 / 4 \text { twist } \rightarrow 11 / 4 \text { twist } \end{aligned}$ | 9.4 |
| 1.207 | 1/1 twist $\rightarrow$ Handspring/Yamashita | 9.5 |
| 1.208 | $1 / 1$ twist $\rightarrow 1 / 2$ twist | 9.7 |
| 1.301 | Handspring $\rightarrow$ 2/1 twist | 10.0 |
| 1.306 | $1 / 2$ twist $\rightarrow 2 / 1$ twist | 10.0 |
| 3.201 | Tsukahara Tuck | 10.0 |
| 3.303 | Tsukahara Pike | 10.0 |
| 4.101 | RO, FF $\rightarrow$ Repulsion (with flight to feet) | 9.0 |
| 4.102 | RO, $\mathrm{FF} \rightarrow$ Repulsion $1 / 2$ | 9.1 |
| 4.201 | RO, FF $\rightarrow$ 1/1 twist | 9.4 |
| 4.202 | RO, FF $\rightarrow 1^{11 / 2}$ twist (Allen) | 9.6 |
| 4.203 | RO, FF $\rightarrow$ Back Tuck | 10.0 |
| 4.304 | RO, FF $\rightarrow$ Back Pike | 10.0 |
| 5.101 | RO, $\mathrm{FF}^{1 / 2} \rightarrow$ Handspring | 9.2 |
| 5.102 | RO, FF $1 / 2 \rightarrow$ Handspring $1 / 2$ | 9.4 |
| 5.201 | $\mathrm{RO}, \mathrm{FF}^{1 / 2} \rightarrow 1 / 1$ twist | 9.6 |
| 5.202 | $\mathrm{RO}, \mathrm{FF}^{1 / 2 \rightarrow} \mathrm{l}^{11 / 2}$ twist | 9.8 |
| 5.312 | $\mathrm{RO}, \mathrm{FFF}_{1 / 2} \rightarrow 2 / 1$ twist | 10.0 |



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