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- Complete info and attach a video for the skill committee to review.



### **General Information**

1. There are 8 New Elements noted on the FIG Web Site at the following location:
  - a. <http://www.fig-gymnastics.com/site/figNews/view?id=1767>
  - b. An MTC Memo has been released, information may be in a future FIG Newsletter.

### **Event Information**

#### **Floor Exercise:**

- **General Information:**

1. \*\*\*No connection bonus will be awarded if there is a large error, this would include the 0.5 jump to prone deduction  
Note: From 2017 World Championships
2. \*\*\*In general, the gymnast must go into each corner. However, the final dismount pass does not need to completely reach the corner to fulfill the requirement for that corner  
Note: From 2017 World Championships
3. \*\*\*There was strong emphasis on the position of a Japanese handstand. It must be low enough where the head nearly touches the ground to receive no deductions. Most athletes receive 0.1 or 0.3 deductions for being too high. It is possible to receive 0.5 deduction and non-recognition due to height.  
Note: From 2017 World Championships

- **Skills:**

1. **Skill:** Endo forward roll to Wide Arm Press to Handstand Hold (2 Sec)
  - a. C Value / Element Group 1
  - b. Video Link: <https://youtu.be/FyWPbA7eZvg>

#### **Pommel Horse:**

- **General Information:**

1. In order to receive 3/3 travel credit (D or C Value) for a Sivado that starts from “side” support, the gymnast must first show that both hands are in front support on the end



in cross support before starting the Sivado. Without showing both hands in front support on the end before starting the Sivado, the gymnast will be only awarded a B value for a 2/3 travel.

2. In the 2020 FIG Code it is stated that you must perform a full circle after a Tong Fei to receive value for the Tong Fei. This rule is extended to all skills to receive credit. For example, 4 flops into a leg cut without performing a complete circle before breaking into leg cuts will not receive value for the 4 flop skill.
3. The only Traveling skills available for an upgrade in a Flairing position is the D Value Magyar and Sivado, which upgrade to an E Value, per the MTC (August, 2017).
4. On PH, EG III, #3 (Circles with travel fwd. in side support (3/3), hands between the pommels) must start & finish in side support in order to receive C credit. If the gymnast does not finish in side support at the end of the travel but does a quarter turn to cross support, he will only receive an A value for the side travel from the end to the middle and repetition for the side travel from the middle to the other end with the quarter turn. (NGJA August 2017)
5. \*\*\*Scissors or circles to handstands will not be recognized if too much strength is utilized. If the gymnast performs a press to handstand, then there is no recognition for the skill (judge must use gymnastic sense to determine use of press). The lower leg amplitude deduction is not used as a criteria to determine if there is too much strength (press) used.

Note: From 2017 World Championships

- **Skills:**

1. \*\*\***Skill:** Stockli 3/3 with 270 turn to handstand dismount
  - i. D Value / Element Group 4
  - ii. Video Link: <https://youtu.be/vVjVualc4x4>
    1. C Value / Element Group 4
    2. Video: Gymnast only performs 180 degree turn in HS
    3. Video: Dismount does not continue over the horse and does not meet the 270 degree turn requirement.
    4. Per FIG Code of Points (MAG 2017) Page 55, i
      - a. i) A simple handstand dismount must cross the horse in order to be recognized. A handstand dismount does not have to cross the horse provided that it includes a turn of at least 270° from the side support or 360° from the cross support.



- iii. 0.3 deduction for not crossing over the Pommel Horse

**Still Rings:**

• **General Information:**

1. \*\*\*Swing to Handstand requirement does not have to be initiated from a Handstand to receive value.
  - i. According to Article 12.3 (D-Jury chart), the gymnast must include a swing to HS (2 s. hold) and be inside the 10 counting elements to avoid a 0.3 deduction. To meet this requirement, there are a variety of swing to HS skills listed in the code. Included in this list is EG 1, #92 (From support swing bwd. to HS (2s.)).
2. \*\*\*If Honma cross is not recognized for entry higher than 45 degrees. No partial value is awarded for Honma (B) or Cross (B).  
Note: From 2017 World Championships
3. \*\*\* Straddle Planches are not recognized if the hip bend and/or hold angle is >45 degrees at any time during the planche hold, or arriving to the hold.  
Note: From 2017 World Championships
4. \*\*\*There is a strict evaluation of cross pull to maltese. If the gymnast pulls too high towards support prior to the maltese, there will be non-recognition of the pull to maltese, but the planche (high maltese) will be recognized as a C.  
Note: From 2017 World Championships

• **Skills:**

1. \*\*\***Skill:** Cross or L Cross Pull to Straddle Planche
  - i. C Value, Group 2
    1. Skill must be performed without going to a Support
    2. Reference: FIG COP (MAG 2017) Page 88, Box 88
      - a. Cross Pull to Planche
      - b. D Value, Group 2
    3. NGJA USAG Skills Committee (November 2017)



**Vault:**

- **General Information:**

1.\*\*\*For athletes who are competing a 2nd vault to qualify for event finals or in vault finals, the following chart should help clarify when a 2.0 deduction is applied for a same or similar 2nd flight phase.

- i. Vaults with the same last 2 digits in the vault number may be deducted 2.0. If the two vaults have one or more matching key numbers, ①, ②, or ③, then the 2.0 deduction applies. If they don't have the same Key number for both vaults, then no deduction is applied. For example:

Example	Vault #	Vault #1	SV	Vault #	Vault #2	SV	When to apply the 2.0 D-Jury deduction
#1	275	Kasamatsu str. 3/2 tw. (Driggs) ① ③	5.2	375	Yurchenko str. 5/2 tw. (Shewfelt) ①	5.2	In this example, a 2.0 deduction is applied since the last 2 digits of each vault number are the same and they both have ① listed for both vaults.
#2	375	Yurchenko str. 5/2 tw. (Shewfelt) ①	5.2	475	Round off ½ tw. Handspring salto fwd. str. 2/1 tw. ② ③	5.4	In this example, a 2.0 deduction is <b>NOT</b> applied.  Even though both vaults have similar last 2 digits for each vault, they have different Key numbers listed for each vault (① vs. ② ③).

**Parallel Bars:**

- **General Information:**

1. Performing a B or C Value Moy to Support and then performing a “Lay back” to upper arm support is allowed per the MTC (August 2017)
2. Performing a glide kip to upper arm is not allowed per the COP (Page 113, #5 Bullet 4)

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3. \*\*\*The height requirement for front uprise is when the angle between the shoulder and hips is at least horizontal.  
Note: From 2017 World Championships

**High Bar:**

- **General Information:**

1. Quast to 1-arm giant: C + B values - (Pg. 136 3e. – re-catching flight elements with one hand has same value. Even though this is not a flight, the same rule applies (NGJA August 2017)
2. \*\*\*In general, Double Back with 1/1 performed with pike, will be awarded stretched credit, but deducted for Pike. It is anticipated that the MTC will remove double back pike with 1/1 turn dismount from the code. This will match rings.  
Note: From 2017 World Championships

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