

2025 Tech Sequence Clarifications

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With state meets underway, several tech sequence issues have come to our attention. While some are common mistakes, others may be due to unclear wording in the manual. The committee's goal is to resolve all known issues before the boys compete at regionals. This document includes all relevant TS clarifications from the MDP Newsletters as well as the new information since the state meets. Any new additions since Newsletter #4 are highlighted in yellow. These clarifications should help both coaches and judges better understand how routines should be performed and evaluated. This information takes effect immediately.

GENERAL

1. Currently there is a (-1.0) deduction for missing "Major Elements" in tech sequence routines. This deduction is for eliminating either a "Major Element" or an "entire box" that does not have a major element inside of the box. The "Major Element" skills worth 1.0 are colored in purple in the skill description column of the tech sequence manual. These skills are always in rows that have a "Yellow" numbered box. If a small portion of the box was done, but the "Major Element" was not at least 50% completed then there is still a deduction of (-1.0)
 - a. When the "Major Element" was performed but there were parts left out of a "Yellow" numbered box that are NOT the "Major Element" then there is a (-0.3) deduction for that missing part.
 - b. Boxes that do not start with a "yellow" number do not contain any "Major Elements". There is a (-0.3) deduction for any missing parts inside of this box. Or a (-1.0) deduction for skipping the part all together.
2. Added parts will be deducted (-0.3) each time. (non listed skills)

FLOOR

1. At all levels, "any split" is allowed when a split is required. Eliminate the wording "front split".
2. At all levels when flairs are required, up to one double leg circle may be performed before the flairs.
3. **Level 10:** No simple step deductions will be taken for an athlete walking backward from the corners or towards the corners.
4. **(Level 8E, box 7) (Level 9E, box 6) (Level 10E, box 7):** Should read "From split, press to handstand hold, ¼ pirouette, forward roll, step toward corner, lunge 1/2 turn to stand"
5. **Level 9 and Level 10:** Box 3 Remove the (-0.1) deduction for less than one step in the performance criteria column.

HORSE

1. **Level 6:** There is a need to better clarify the amount of necessary hand placements in each “section” of the horse. The intent is that there are to be 3 circles in cross support (loops) done in each section following the travel to get there. The cross support circles done while travelling to each section do not count toward the 3.
 - a. **Box 3 should read** "Once in front support, past the tape and in the middle section, then a minimum of 6 hand placements within the center (second) section."
 - b. **Box 6 should read** "Once in front support past the tape and in the (third) section, a minimum of 6 hand placements on the final (third) end section of the horse before initiating Russian"
2. **Angular deductions (skew)**
 - a. **Level 6: (Boxes 1-5)** Angular deductions to be taken per section on circles in cross support. This would include the travel portion to get to that section for a max of 3 skew deductions to be taken between boxes 1 and 5.
 - i. If there was a (-0.1) deduction on the skew of each of the circles in the middle, but a (-0.3) deduction on the skew travelling to the middle, then the (-0.3) deduction will be taken once as that is the greater deduction.
 - b. **Level 8: (Box 8)** Angular deductions will be taken **per circle** in cross support. This means there can be 6 separate skew deductions in box 8.
 - c. **Level 9:** Angular deductions to be taken per skill where applicable.
 - d. **Level 10:** Angular deductions to be taken per skill where applicable.
3. **Level 6, 8, 9, & 10:** No Deduction for additional circles or loops. Additional circles and loops judged for execution only.
4. **Level 8:** Boxes 4 & 5 include a total of 7 circles before dismounting in front support (behind the horse).
5. **Level 9 & 10:** (S, M, & L) deductions can be taken on handstand dismounts but credit still falls within the 50% rule.
6. **Level 10:** Box 7 replace “~~Complete two downhill circles in side support~~” with “Complete **one or more** downhill circles in side support” (This replaces newsletter #4 information on what to do following the DSB)
7. **Level 10:** Box 9 Replace “~~Complete two circles in side support on the pommels~~” with “Complete **one or more** circles in side support on the pommels”

RINGS

1. **Level 10:** The verbiage in box 4 has been misunderstood by some coaches and judges. The skill in this box represents skill 1.67 in the CoP

VAULT

1. **Level 8:** Box 6 currently reads “Insufficient pike (less than 45°) will result in an unrecognized vault” This was a type-o and should read “insufficient pike (135° or more) will result in an unrecognized vault”
2. **Level 9:** A non-recognized Yurchenko vault (done tucked, piked, or without salto) as determined by the judging panel will result in a (-1.0) deduction and the gymnast may

repeat the vault. The gymnast has the option of taking the first vault with a (-2.0) deduction if he chooses not to repeat the vault.

3. Level 10:

- a. A non-recognized Handspring pike front somersault vault (tucked or without salto) as determined by the judging panel will result in a (-1.0) deduction and the gymnast may repeat the vault. The gymnast has the option of taking the first vault with a (-2.0) deduction if he chooses not to repeat the vault.
- b. A non-recognized Yurchenko vault (done tucked, piked, or without salto) as determined by the judging panel will result in a (-1.0) deduction and the gymnast may repeat the vault. The gymnast has the option of taking the first vault with a (-2.0) deduction if he chooses not to repeat the vault.

PARALLEL BARS:

1. **Level 6 (box 6) and Level 9 (box 2):** Remove the wording in the performance criteria "~~Hecht tapping action required~~"
2. **Level 6 - Box 1** has in the description "Glide kip, swing backward to handstand hold" Then in the performance criteria it reads "Hold not required, but allowed". **The performance criteria is correct, there is NO REQUIRED HOLD following the kip.**
3. **Level 6 -** There has been confusion about the wording "Any spot from the ground is permitted for the bail to giant swing backward in box #2" To clarify, this includes a hands on spot on the bail as well as a spot on the way up. There are no deductions for spotting the giant at any point.

HORIZONTAL BAR:

1. **Level 8,9, & 10:** Both straddled and legs together are allowed on the toe on toe off.
2. **Level 9:** The skill description and the performance criteria do not match on the Hecht Uprise. The required height is 45° and not to HS.
3. **Level 10:** Between box 4 and 5 (after the blind change immediate pirouette) there are no deductions for hand steps when moving back to the center of the bar.