

## Cycle 15 Judging Clarifications

Several judging clarifications have been made by the FIG TC since the initial rollout of the 2022-2024 FIG Code of Points & Age Group Rules for Acrobatics. This document has been created:

- a) To capture clarifications that have not been included in FIG newsletters
- b) To make clear any clarifications that apply to NDP10

Although this document is targeted at judges, it is strongly recommended that coaches are familiar with its content.

**Unless otherwise indicated, the clarifications below apply to all NDP and FIG levels.**

### EXECUTION

Criteria for Evaluation	DEDUCTION	
	Significant	Serious
1. Legs of base in pair/group element wider than 90° in sitting	0.3	
2. Top's legs wider than their shoulder width in Mexican	0.3	
3. Base's legs wider than their shoulder width in Seal	0.3	
4. Slide to splits with the knee going to the floor before moving to split. <i><b>ONLY applies to 11-16 WP Row IV boxes 2, 3 and 4, since identified as a different element. Would be instructed by the CJP.</b></i>		0.5
5. Maximum deduction per gymnast for individual elements performed in series (CAT 1 or 2)		1.0
6. Maximum deduction per gymnast for individual elements performed separately (CAT 1 or 2)		1.0
7. Maximum deduction for a fall in a partner element irrespective of the number of gymnasts that fall		1.0
8. Slip/stumble/trip in any part of the exercise outside elements. <i>Also lowers Performance criteria in Artistry</i>	0.3	0.5
9. Fall in any part of the exercise outside elements. <i>Also lowers Performance criteria in Artistry</i>		1.0
10. Under rotation of saltos which require some additional assistance of partner(s) to complete the rotation when the catch is horizontal (e.g. cradles and wraps) <sup>1</sup>	0.3	

<sup>1</sup> This is a standard deduction that applies to all catch and landing positions, but the clarification is included because there is emphasis on ensuring it is applied for horizontal catches.

11. Under rotation of saltos which require complete support of partner(s) to complete rotation when the catch is horizontal (e.g. cradles and wraps) or which is otherwise required to prevent a fall <sup>1</sup>		0.5
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### CJP PENALTIES

1. No penalty is taken for the skirt flipping up – though the design of the skirt should still ensure that the skirt falls back to the hips of the gymnast.
2. Indecent positions deductions can only be taken in consultation with the SJ

### DIFFICULTY & COMPOSITION (applicable to all levels)

1. The only Tariff Sheet penalty is 0.3 deduction for elements not performed in the **order** declared on the Tariff Sheet.
2. All partners must be in place and the top (or both tops in Cat. 2 women's/men's group pyramids) **must be in a position of recognised value** before time faults are applied.
  - For Grades 1-4 this is any position that has value in the respective grade
  - For Youth, Grade 5, IDP and FIG this is any position that has value in the Tables of Difficulty

If a fall from a partner element occurs prior to all gymnasts being in a position of value, then no time faults are applied (unless there is a rebuild) and 0.5/1.0 execution penalty is applied.

3. If Individual elements are **not performed together or in immediate succession** no difficulty value is given, and the elements are not considered for Special Requirements.
4. If one partner does not perform an individual element, those performed by the other partner(s) are not considered for difficulty value or special requirements.
5. In order to apply a time fault to a group or individual static element it should be a unanimous decision of the Difficulty Judge(s) and/or CJP (as applicable) in each case. I.e. no “averaging” of the total number of time faults of the Difficulty Judge(s) and/or CJP.

### DIFFICULTY & COMPOSITION (only applicable to IDP and FIG)

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1. One alternative (**OR**) element is allowed, but only for dynamic elements
2. If skills with **plus values** are not performed, the DJ just removes the plus values
3. **Minus values** in base motions only apply to the motion of the base and not to the final static position also.
4. **Saltos with half twist** must use the logical start page for difficulty. Arabian is now defined as a backward salto.
5. Where both the top and the base(s) transition at the same time, for the **top start position to be given difficulty credit in addition to the top transition value** the base must start to transition **before** the top. If the top moves first or at the same time as the base, no difficulty value is given for the start position of the top, but the top transition value is given.
6. In a **transitional pyramid**:
  - i. If there is a time fault directly before or after transition the transitional value is still given
  - ii. If the top is in a "0 value" position and a fall occurs during the transition, the maximum time fault (0.9) is applied. No difficulty value is given for the transition of the base(s).
  - iii. If there is a fall during the transition of a transitional pyramid with same Category base positions, no difficulty value is given for a rebuild of the second pyramid
7. No restriction on the **number of starts from platform** in groups
8. **4 identical start positions from short arm in pairs** are allowed
9. Mounts with rotation are considered **identical** to mounts without rotation
10. Base motions with rotation are **not identical** to base motions without rotation
11. In **11-16** gymnasts must perform **3 individual elements** in the Balance exercise (free choice out of Flexibility, Balance and Agility tables) and in the Dynamic exercise (out of Tumbling table).
12. In **IDP 1, IDP 2 and 12-18** gymnasts must perform **3 individual elements** from any category
13. In **13-19 & Seniors no individual elements are required** but a maximum of 3 can be performed from any category for difficulty credit.