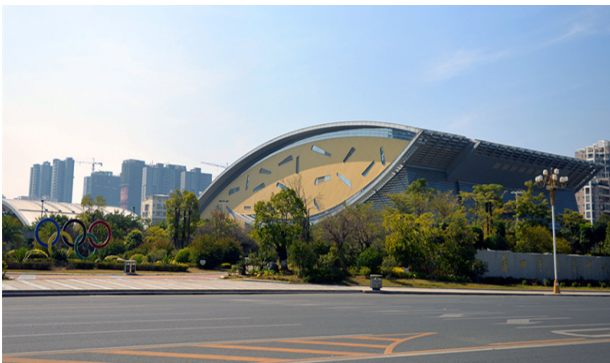


Pravets (BUL), April 2015

25th World Championships and 9th World Age Group Competition

The FIG Acrobatics Technical Committee are pleased to announce that the plans for the 2016 WC and WGGC are well under way. Many thanks go to our colleagues in China for their preparations so far. The directives for the competition will be sent out to Federations in the near future. In the meantime, have a look at the picture of the venue for the event below.



Putian Complex Sports Gym - Competition Training hall / warm up hall

Clarifications, Questions and Answers

A reminder to all coaches and difficulty judges regarding the additional plus (+) values for positions of the top in balance elements:

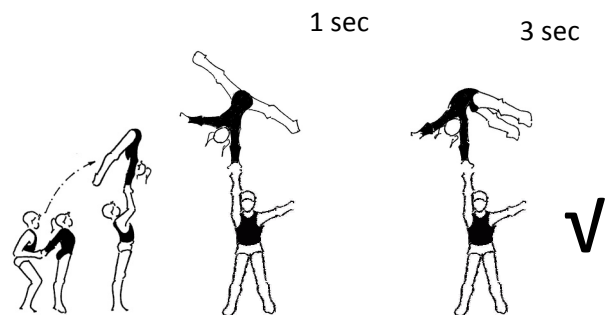
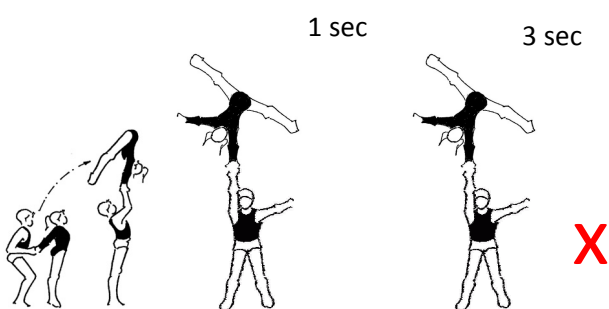
The plus (+) values are only given in:

- The static hold of the top
- During the motion of the base while the top is in a static hold

They are **NOT** added to the value of motions of the top.

Question:

Can you claim a mount to one (1) second hold and then hold the same final position for three (3) seconds and claim these as two elements for difficulty?

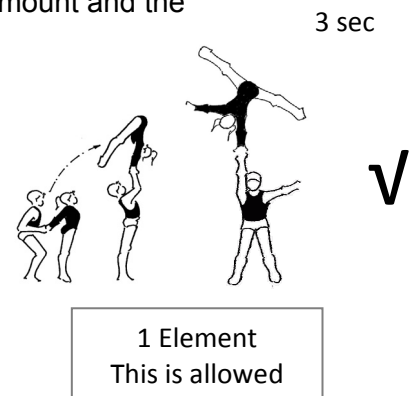


Element 1	Element 2
Answer: No, this is not allowed	

Element 1	Element 2
This is allowed	



A mount **to a three (3) second hold** is given the value of the mount and the following static hold and is regarded as one (1) element.



Clarification: Is the element below regarded as a new element or a variation of an existing element?



Answer: It is regarded as a variation of the element and receives 21v - the following co-ordinates should be used:

Page 51: 40 – T4 - 4/4 Front = 21v

Correction to the TOD: The values in the 6/4 table on P47 are incorrect and should be adjusted as set out below.

6/4	10	26	29	33	30	36	42
	10	26	29	33	30	36	42
	12	30	33	37	34	40	46

Clarification: In the dynamic and combined exercise links **do not** have to be used for difficulty and declared on the tariff sheet. However, three (3) links can be used for difficulty and must be declared on the tariff sheet.



COMPETITION ATTIRE:

We still see a lot of skirts not by the rules. Skirts **must cover**, but not fall further than **the pelvic area of the leotard** and also at the back side the skirt should cover the leotard!!!

Scores and scoring :

A decision has been made by the FIG that the **0,3 tolerance between scores is not longer required.**

The CJP no longer have to bring the scores into tolerance. Their role is to give the CJP deductions, to manage the judging panel and report to the SJ if necessary. Only in exceptional circumstances (an impossible scores was given) will there be any intervention by the Superior Jury (eg: score of 9.3 when a fall occurred)

New elements:

A request for formal evaluation by the TC Acro must be submitted, using the official form found in the Tables of Difficulty, to the TC Acro Secretary by email. kwacro@aol.com, before June 1.

FIG Acro World Cup, Maia, POR – March 2016

With two event titles apiece, Great Britain and Russia were the most successful nations at the Maia World Cup in Maia (POR).

In the absence of Russian World Men's Pairs champions **Konstantin Pilipchuk** and **Alexei Dudchenko**, **Alexander Kvasov** and **Andrei Charikov** filled the void, claiming gold over 2014 World finalists **Arne Gelder** and **Vincent Casse** (BEL), who finished just off the podium last summer in Levallois (FRA).

As the new season dawns in Acro, a new generation is rising as well. In the Mixed Pairs category, in lieu of reigning World champions **Revaz Gurgenedze** and **Marina Chernova** (RUS), **Ekaterina Vdovina** and **Maksim Soprunov** stepped into the spotlight, winning their first World Cup gold ahead of **Solano Cassamajor** and **Yana Vastavel** (BEL) and 2014 World bronze medallists **Kylie Boynton** and **Ryan Ward** (USA).

Results:

Men's Pairs:

1. Alexander Kvasov and Andrei Charikov, RUS, 27.400
2. Arne Gelder and Vincent Casse, BEL, 26.650
3. Javier Lopez and Jorge Alfonso, ESP, 25.530

Women's Trio:

1. Cicely Irwin/ Jennifer Bailey/ Josephine Russell GBR, 26.970
2. Beatriz Gueifão/ Margarida Fernandes/ Raquel Martins POR, 25.950
3. Avia Brener/ May Miller/ Shoval Sofer ISR, 25.830



Mixed Pairs:

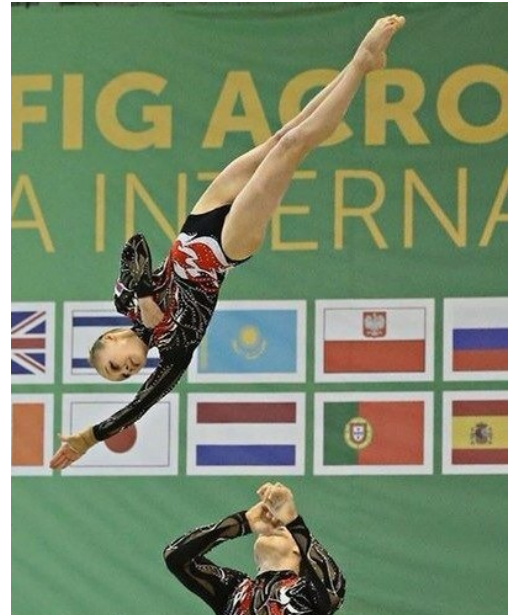
1. Ekaterina Vdovina and Maksim Soprunov, RUS, 28.120
2. Yana Vastavel and Solano Cassamajor, BEL, 28.080
3. Kylie Boynton and Ryan Ward, USA, 28.060

Women's Pairs

1 GBR, 25.360

Men's Group

1. ISR, 27.180
2. POR, 25.150



Ekaterina Vdovina and Maksim Soprunov

Portugal Got Talent

Congratulations go to Lourenco Franca and gymnasts from Acro Clube da Maia who have won the Portugal got talent competition!

Here is the youtube link if you would like to view their performance:

<https://youtu.be/nZ2UC6GaQ-Q?list=PLE5nh6x6UQqYpr1uWih-IFh2tN5ka9Jc1>

Some of these Acrobat Gymnasts were medallists in the past World Age Group Competition (Paris, 2014) or were finalists in that same competition.

CONGRATULATIONS to them all.





Note from Blythe Lawrence - member of the media team at the FIG:

When something happens in the World of Acro, we totally want to hear about it. We'll do articles for the FIG website. We'll work with you to arrange interviews. We'll share the news on Facebook and Twitter. Sending us news of honors gymnasts receive, of cool things they're doing when they aren't in the gym, their special projects, anything unusual would be excellent. Please contact me at: blawrence@fig-gymnastics.org

FIG Acrobatic Calendar

World Cup – Varna, BUL, 7th – 9th May 2015

World Cup – Geneva, SUI, 14th – 16th May 2015

International Tournament “Irtyshtskiye Zory-2015” Pavlodar 25-27 July 2015 (approved by FIG)

FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Academy Level 2 – Ghent, BEL, 25th July – 2nd August 2015

Volkov Cup, Veliki Novgorod, RUS – 12th – 17th August 2015 (approved by FIG)

World Championships and WAGC 2016 – Putian, China, 21st March – 5th April 2016

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