

Trampoline Technical Committee

Trampoline Technical Committee Update – Judging

To all trampoline coaches and judges, the following document is intended as an information/help document for all coaches/judges for Trampoline and DMT competitions at all levels unless specified.

TTC Judge Committee

1. New FIG Rules on Clothing

*Rule 6.3 Bandages or support pieces must not create **big contrast with the skin colour**. Underwear must not be visible.*

*Rule 6.4 Any violation of §6.1, §6.2 and §6.3 may result in a penalty of **0.2 points**, which will be deducted from the total score of **any** of the routines where the violation occurs. Major violation may result in disqualification from the round in which the offence occurs. This decision is made by the Chair of Judges' Panel (see §20.13).*

So what does this new rule mean??

a) The first rule change now allows competitors to wear bandages or supports which blend in better with the skin colour. (Something which we actively promoted from the word go)

b) re underwear for Tra/DMT/Tu competitors

This FIG Rule as part of 6.3 was introduced as an additional rule in June 2015 in an FIG newsletter.

The rule has been introduced across all BG Gymnastic disciplines and we would obviously support this change.

- *Whilst we feel this should not penalise young gymnasts at beginner level in particular whose underwear may appear from out of their leotard or shorts during or at the end of a routine. (Club level gymnasts)*
- *However, at a higher level (e.g. at all NDP levels) some of the leotards for girls are cut round the neck so that 'bras' and sports bras in particular show. Similarly, some of the boys we have seen with boxer shorts hanging out of Gym shorts which frankly look quite untidy.*
- *The FIG (TTC) and UEG approach seems to be that as long as the straps etc. of the Sports Bra blend in with the leotard (i.e. they are the same colour and unobtrusive,) this is acceptable.*
- *With boys, particularly those wearing shorts, underwear of the same colour as the shorts which do not hang out of the shorts will obviously be acceptable.*

What clubs with competitors **could** be doing is:

a) Have a look at the Girls leotard your club uses:

- Although this is not a compulsory requirement, it may be advisable if possible to ensure that the cut of the neckline of the leotard covers the back of the neck area.
- Try and make sure that your female competitors wearing Bras and Sports Bras that have straps that blend in with the leotard colour.
- If your male competitors wear shorts, make sure that they know to wear underwear of similar colour to the shorts.
- If your club is thinking of buying a new style leotard, please consider the implication of this new rule.

b) Clubs should note that:

At Judge Revalidation early in 2017. Judges who are likely to take Chairs of judges positions on a panel will be advised what is acceptable for competitors and how to deal with this at a competition.

- In the interim period up to September 1st Chairs may advise coaches of competitors of clothing discretions so that coaches are aware of this.
- From Sept 2017, competitors at NDP level and above will be expected to wear competition clothing which ensures that underwear does not show or that the underwear will blend in with the colour of the leotard or shorts where applicable.
- A gymnast runs the risk of incurring a penalty deduction (**0.2 pts**) or possible disqualification if underwear is showing.

2. FIG and BG Code of Points 2017

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A synopsis of the FIG Cop for Tra & DMT including drawings and diagrams explaining the new Horizontal displacement judging is due to be put on the BG website which will probably be found under **Technical Information – Discipline specific Information – Trampoline**

The full **BG** Code of points for September will be put onto the BG website under **Technical Information – Discipline specific Information – Trampoline**

Please note that this COP is operative from **1st September 2017** but will also be needed before this time by all judges who are revalidating at all levels, as the revalidation process is based on the new COP

3. Range and Conditioning Testing

- Range and conditioning has not changed from last year and is now being done in preparation for the RTF.
 - A gymnast who takes part in DMT **and** in TRA and meets the qualification scores for the Regional team finals, needs only **one** pass on the R & C testing to qualify, they do not need a pass for each discipline.
 - **Regional competition organisers please note: If a gymnast achieves, their qualification mark on the Trampoline and also passes the R & C this needs to be recorded onto the Regional Team Qualifier event results before they are sent in to BG.**
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4. Changes to National & Zonal Judge Qualifications and Revalidation at this level

From 1/1/2017

- Current holders of the Tra Zonal judge award were re-classified as National Judge Category 2.
 - Current holders of the Tra National Judge award were re-classified as National Judge Category 1.
 - Judges who took part in the National Judge course in July of 2015 already have their new classification where applicable.
 - If a judge fails to attend one of the National judge revalidations (below) their judge qualification will be downgraded one level and they will not be permitted to judge at any of the Spring Series events when they begin again under the new COP in November, or the British Finals in September until they have revalidated.
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5. 2017 Judge Revalidation

Judge revalidation for the new Olympic cycle will take place as follows:

- All National Cat 1 & 2 Judges and any International judges who have not been able to attend the International course in February at Lilleshall will be required to revalidate at a National Judge revalidation (dates below)
- **Sunday March 12th** at Cranford Community College Hounslow (London) (application area still open)
- **Saturday March 25th** at Grace Academy, Solihull, Birmingham. (application area still open)
- We are also hoping to add an extra revalidation date in the busy calendar so as all our National /International judges can be updated, please keep an eye on the BG Course area for this.

Please note: At these revalidation courses, judges will be informed of the new rules, and how they affect the judging, HD judging, new rules for the Chair of judges etc. Judges will be reassessed by means of a practical execution and difficulty judging test and a theory test.

- **April – September 2017** Regional, County and Club revalidation courses:

Courses set up by BG in regions or across several regions, these will be advertised in the 'Find a Course' area on the BG website under judge revalidation).

Please note – If judges at all levels wish to carry on judging from Sept 2017, they will need to attend a revalidation course.

6. Horizontal displacement judging (HD)

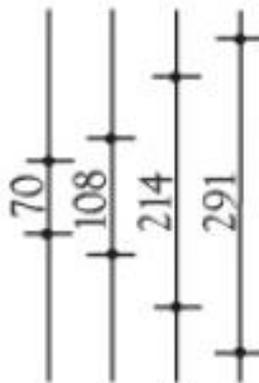
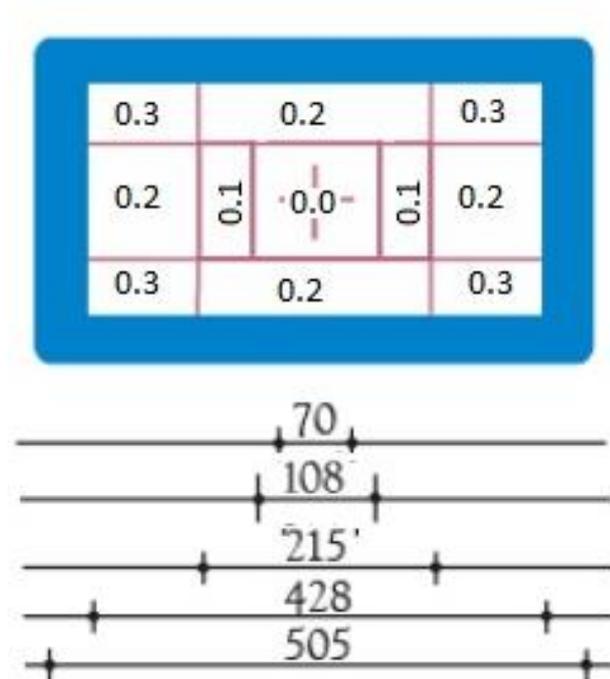
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This is a new introduction by FIG which will, over time be transferred down to our judging across all ability levels in Great Britain.

- Execution judging (E)- either 6 or 4 execution judges who will no longer take travel into account in their judging. With 6 E judges the highest and lowest two scores are removed leaving two scores to count out of a possible 20 pts. With 4 E judges, just the highest and lowest scores are removed leaving the two scores to count out of a possible 20 pts.
- Two HD judges look for travel around the bed and deduct marks for this displacement. Their two total scores are averaged, to give a final (HD) score out of 10 pts.

Worldwide there are at least three electronic HD machines being worked on which will eventually be used internationally, however these have not yet been ratified by FIG and may well be beyond the purse of many Regions, so visual HD judging will be used for this score. At the forthcoming Spring Series events some of our judges may well practice HD judging, this will probably be done by the judges on the field of play close to the trampolines or using playback from a camera trained on the trampoline bed.

HD judging will form a part of the judge revalidation process in 2017. HD judging should then be put into place at all levels of competition from September 2017 onwards in both our Regional and in our Spring Series NDP events. The first use of HD judging will be at the British Championships in Liverpool in September 2017.



The two new lines are drawn across the trampoline bed from the current side tramlines using measurements as per the diagram.

Each area marked gives a deduction from HD. Landings on the seat front and back generally take the centre of mass as the hip joint as the deciding point as to whether the gymnast is in our out of the area.

For clarification on this please see the drawings on page 49 of the FIG Code of points.

Old trampoline beds can be marked either by using a 'Sharpie' permanent marker or by purchasing a special marker kit and paint from a reliable source such as Gymaid or Eurotramp. For details of how to paint on the markings go to www.eurotramp.com/us-en which should be their home page, then look down the 'News' section posted 3/2/17 where there is a section about the new markings. From here hit the [detailed instructions](#) and you can download instructions for marking the bed.

7. Scoring Systems

As the new COP will change the requirements of the scoring system and add Chair and Difficulty Judges penalties etc. it might be useful to point this out to Regions now as they will probably need to look at their scoring system for competitions beyond September.