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Rules 2017-2020



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PREAMBLE

The Fédération International de Gymnastique (FIG) Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee is pleased to present the ratified World Age Group Competition Rules, effective January 2017. These rules are guided by the current FIG Statutes, General Technical Regulations, the FIG Judges' Rules, the 2017 - 2020 Acrobatic Gymnastics Code of Points and Tables of Difficulty.

This publication has been revised to reflect the changes that were made to the ACRO Code of Points 2017 – 2020. The basic principles which provide the foundation for the Age Group Program are unchanged.

The Appendix is to eliminate the need for developing countries to consult multiple documents to construct exercises. Appendix 6 contains elements which may be used as optional elements for the 11-16 exercises. They are intended to provide new coaches with direction in skill selection, and to eliminate the need for the use of the FIG Tables of Difficulty. However, Appendix 6 does not prevent the use of the Tables of Difficulty by more experienced coaches and athletes. The remaining Appendices are excerpts taken from the ACRO Code of Points 2017 - 2020. This will minimize the need for new countries to consult the Code of Points for the 11-16 Age Group.

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INTRODUCTION

The FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Age Group Events aim specifically to:

- Support the development of countries new to Acrobatic Gymnastics by providing a structured program for training gymnasts with an emphasis on appropriate skill selection, execution and artistry.
- > Assist the growth and development of new athletes through experience and education.
- Provide a context for judge and coach education in the preparation of age group athletes for world class competition.
- Offer the opportunity for athletes, coaches and judges new to the world class arena to work in collaboration with world experts for future growth and development.
- Identify the stars of the future and to educate them in the responsibilities which their positions demand.
- > Present spectators and media with a stimulating spectacle of developing talent and promote understanding of the competitive rules of Acrobatic Gymnastics.

SECTION I

Article 1: PARTICIPATION

- 1.1 Athletes per National Team may not exceed 52.
- 1.2 National teams may include no more than two pairs or two groups in a particular event category in any Age Group event.
- 1.3 Each athlete may compete in one discipline only and in one Age Group only.
- 1.4 Pairs or groups who have competed in World Championships, World Cup, World Games or as Seniors in Continental Championships may not compete in the Age Group Competitions. Individuals who have competed as Seniors, but who are in newly formed age group pairs or groups are eligible. Pairs or groups who have competed in the 12-18 or 13-19 age groups in any FIG approved competition, including continental championships, may not compete in the 11-16 age group.

A gymnast may only participate in one Age Group and unit (pair/group) during same competition (WAGC).

A Pair/Group can only move up in age groups, i.e. from 11-16 to 12-18 or from 12-18 to 13-19.

A gymnast can move down in age groups, i.e from 13-19 to 12-18 only if he/she belongs to a different unit* (pair/group).

Note : * Is considered a different unit when in a pair one partner changes and in a group two or more partners change.

1.5 Maximum Delegation Size

| Head of Delegation | 1 | |
|--------------------|----|---|
| Team Manager | | As per FIG Accreditation Rules |
| Coaches | | As per FIG Accreditation Rules |
| Competitors | 52 | No more than 2 per event category and age group |
| Medical Doctor | 1 | |
| Paramedical Staff | 1 | |
| Judges | 2 | With FIG international brevet, excluding CJP or DJ appointed by the FIG TC-ACRO |

Article 2: THE EVENTS

- 2.1 There must be no overlap of the World Age Group Competition with World Championships. There must be a minimum of two days between the conclusion of one event and the start of the next event.
- 2.2 There will be three age group events: 11-16, 12–18 and 13-19. There is no team event.
- 2.3 Competitive age is defined as the age of the gymnast on December 31st of the current year. For example, a gymnast who turns 16 on December 29 is considered age 16 during the entire year, from January 1 until December 31.

- 2.4 The competition will include 5 disciplines in each age group:
 - Women's Pairs Men's Group Mixed Pairs Women's Group Men's Pairs

SECTION II

Article 3: JUDGES

- 3.1 Two (2) Chair of Judges' Panels will be appointed by the FIG TC-ACRO. They are normally FIG Category 1 Brevet Judges. They cannot officiate in any other role during the age group events and are regarded as neutral to federations.
- 3.2 A minimum of four and a maximum of ten Difficulty judges will be appointed by the FIG TC-ACRO, from Category 1, 2 and 3 judges of the participating countries. If they do not officiate in any other role during the age group events, they are regarded as neutral to federations and are in addition to the delegation. If the DJ is one of the two judges nominated by the Federation, (COP, article 9), the judge will be drawn as an Execution and Artistry Judge when not officiating as a DJ.
- 3.3 Each participating federation is entitled to present two Category 1, 2, 3 or 4 judges.
- 3.4 Federations with a qualified FIG Brevet Judge MUST present a minimum of one judge. If no judge is presented, the federation is fined in accordance with the Technical Regulations except for **new** countries who are in the first cycle of participating.
- 3.5 Every judge is guaranteed to judge a minimum of one time as either a Technical or Artistry judge.
- 3.6 Judges not drawn to officiate during a specific session may be used as line or time judges.

SECTION III

AGE GROUP 11-16

Article 4: COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Qualifications

- 4.1 Each pair and group presents one Balance and one Dynamic exercise.
- 4.2 The exercise is composed of compulsory and optional elements.

- 4.3 Ranking after the qualifications is determined by the sum of scores from the two Exercises: Balance and Dynamic.
- 4.4 The top 8 proceed to a Final with not more than one from each federation in each category. If there are less than 12 entries to a category, only 6 will proceed to the Final.If 30 or more units, 10 go to the final.
- 4.5 Competitors cannot participate in the Final without competing in both the Balance and Dynamic qualifying events.
- 4.6 Tie Break from Qualifications into Finals:
 - 1) The highest sum of the E-scores of the Balance and Dynamic exercises.
 - 2) If a tie remains, the tie will not be broken and the starting order for the finals will be decided by draw

Finals

- 4.7 Marking starts from Zero.
- 4.8 In the final, pairs and groups will present one exercise, as pre-determined by category, either Balance or Dynamic. The exercise to be presented in the final will be rotated between categories every two years as follows:

2017 - 2018/ 2021 - 2022 Age Group Competitions

| Women's Pairs: | Dynamic |
|-----------------|---------|
| Mixed Pairs: | Balance |
| Men's Pairs: | Dynamic |
| Women's Groups: | Balance |
| Men's Groups: | Dynamic |

2019 - 2020/ 2023 - 2024 Age Group Competitions

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|-----------------|---------|
| Women's Pairs: | Balance |
| Mixed Pairs: | Dynamic |
| Men's Pairs: | Balance |
| Women's Groups: | Dynamic |
| Men's Groups: | Balance |
| | |

- 4.9 Tie Breaking in the Final:
 - 1) The highest E-score of the Balance/Dynamic exercise prevails.
 - 2) The highest sum of the E and A scores of the balance/Dynamic exercise prevails If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken.
- 4.10 If there are less than 4 countries participating in a category, no medals will be awarded. Certificates of participation will be presented.

Article 5 COMPOSITION OF EXERCISES

General Rules

- 5.1 In the qualifications, each participant must present one Balance and one Dynamic Exercise, which must be choreographed and performed to music.
- 5.2 Music of all exercises has a maximum duration of 2 minutes. There is a 2" (second) tolerance before the overtime of exercise penalty is applied. There is no minimum length. The first note of the music indicates the beginning of the time of the exercise. The first move made by one or more competitors from the start position is considered as the "start" of an exercise. The end of an exercise is the **static position** of partners, which must coincide with the end of the music.
- 5.3 Each pair/group, in one exercise, must perform as in the drawings (See table of variations allowed), the compulsory elements illustrated in the Compulsory Element Table.
- 5.4 Each pair/group must also perform the required number of optional elements. The optional elements cannot be taken from the Compulsory Element Table. The optional elements may be selected from Appendix 6 or the FIG Tables of Difficulty. If elements are selected from the Tables of Difficulty, they must be within the difficulty range as indicated in the table below.

| Discipline | Balance | Dynamic | Individual Elements |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Women's Pair* | Min 1v – Max 9v | Min 1v – Max 14 v | |
| Men's Pair | Min 1v – Max 9v | Min 1v – Max 14 v | |
| Mixed Pair | Min 1v – Max 9v | Min 1v – Max 14 v | Min 1v – Max 10v |
| Women's Group | Min 1v – Max 16v | Min 1v – Max 14v | 100 |
| Men's Group | Min 1v – Max 16v | Min 1v – Max 10v | |

*The co-efficient normally applied for WP balance and dynamic does not apply for 11-16

- 5.5 Each partner of a pair or group must perform three (3) individual elements in both the balance and dynamic exercises. The elements may be selected from Appendix 6 or the FIG Tables of Difficulty.
- 5.6 Each pair or group may use simple entries, motions, links, catches and dismounts. These elements must:
 - Be selected from the Compulsory Element Table, Appendix 6 or the FIG TOD
 - Not Exceed **5** values
 - Not exceed **3/4** rotation or more than **360°** twist
- 5.7 A penalty of 0.3 is applied for incorrect Tariff Sheet (element order, wrong element,..) This penalty is applied only **one time** per exercise.
- 5.8 All Special Requirements must be met within the declared elements on the Tariff sheet

- 5.9 A penalty of 1.0 is applied when:
 - A pair/group or individual element exceeds the stated maximum value.
 - A simple element as per Art. 5.6 exceeds the maximum number of rotations, twists or the maximum value of 5.
 - A forbidden element is performed.

This penalty is applied for each violation, even if the performed element is not declared on the tariff sheet.

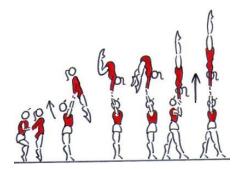
5.10 Only 2 dismounts are allowed for difficulty. A maximum of 3 dismounts in the exercise are allowed. The landings of all dynamic elements and dismounts with a value greater than 1 must be supported. If the landing is performed without support, a 0.5 penalty is applied for each occurrence.

<u>Exceptions</u>: Support is optional for dismounts from "cannon-ball" elements and the 5/4 gainer salto from wrap.

5.11 For developmental reasons, in both pair and group balance and dynamic elements, **all handstands** may be performed with legs in either a straddle or any allowed positions or with legs together to the ankle. There is no need to identify the specific leg position on the tariff sheet.



5.12 Elements that move from low arm to high arm as indicated in the compulsory tables may be performed first to low arm then moving into high handstand as one motion, but the low position must be included in the motion.



Article 6 PAIRS: Balance and Dynamic Exercises

- 6.1 Each pair balance and dynamic exercise must include 6 pair elements. For each missing pair element, a special requirement penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 6.2 Each partner must perform 3 individual elements for the balance exercise and 3 for the dynamic exercise. For each missing individual element, a special requirement penalty of 1.0 is applied.

- 6.3 In the balance exercise, each partner must perform 1 balance, 1 flexibility, and 1 agility individual element selected from Appendix 6 or the TOD.
- 6.4 In the dynamic exercise, each partner must perform 3 tumbling elements selected from Appendix 6 or the TOD. One of the elements must be a salto.
- 6.5 There must be four (4) compulsory pair elements, each selected from a different row, I, II, III and IV of the Compulsory Element Table, I.e. one from Row I, one from Row II etc.
- 6.6 There must be a maximum of two (2) optional pair elements with a minimum value one (1) selected from either Appendix 6 or the FIG Tables of Difficulty. (See General Rule 5.4.) The two (2) optional elements must be static holds of 3 seconds.
- 6.7 In balance exercises, the difficulty of the optional element must be a minimum of value 1 and a maximum of value 8.
- 6.8 In dynamic exercises, the difficulty of the optional elements must be a minimum of 1 value and a maximum of value 14.

Article 7 GROUPS: Balance Exercise

- 7.1 Group balance exercises must include three (3) different pyramids. For each missing pyramid a 1.0 special requirement penalty is applied.
- 7.2 Each partner must perform three (3) individual elements. For each missing individual element, a special requirement penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 7.3 In the balance exercise, each partner must perform 1 balance, 1 flexibility, and 1 agility individual element selected from Appendix 6 or the TOD. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 7.4 Two (2) pyramids, each selected from a different row of the Compulsory Element Table must be included. The pyramids must be performed as separate constructions. (They cannot be joined.)
- 7.5 A maximum of one (1) optional pyramid must be selected from Appendix 6 or the FIG Tables of Difficulty, with a minimum difficulty value of 4 and a maximum difficulty value of 16 for the static hold of all partners. (Value of the base position + the value of the top.) This pyramid must be performed as separate construction.
- 7.6 Women's Group: The optional pyramid may be selected from one of the same categories used for the compulsory elements.

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Article 8 GROUPS: Dynamic Exercise

- 8.1 The group dynamic exercises must include six (6) group elements. For each missing element, a 1.0 special requirement penalty is applied.
- 8.2 In the dynamic exercise, each partner must perform 3 tumbling elements selected from Appendix 6 or the TOD. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
 One of the elements must be a salto. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 8.3 Four (4) group elements must be selected each from a different row of the Compulsory Element Table, i.e. one from Row I, one from Row II etc.
- 8.4 Two (2) optional group elements must be selected from Appendix 6 or the FIG Tables of Difficulty with a minimum difficulty value of 1 and a maximum difficulty value of 14 for women and a maximum difficulty value of 10 for men.
- 8.5 Women's Groups Dynamic Row I: The 360/540 horizontal twist may not be used as an optional element.
- 8.6 A total of three (3) horizontal catches may be performed in the women's group dynamic exercise. However, artistry penalties for the repetition of elements will be applied.
- 8.7 Men's group may perform one (1) horizontal catch selected from the Compulsory Element Table and one (1) horizontal catch as an optional element from either Appendix 6 or the FIG Tables of Difficulty.

2. Stands on the shoulders with the base in

splits without hands on the floor.

- 3. Stands on the bases' hips and chest, with the base in bridge, when there are only two points of support. (The rule does not apply to pairs.) This type of element may be performed when there are three points of support.
- 4. Support on hips or glutei with the base in exaggerated

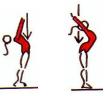
curvature of the spine (lordosis).

7.7 Forbidden Elements for Groups:

1. A <u>column</u> of three high for women and men.







Article 9 INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS

- 9.1 Partners must perform the 3 individual elements either simultaneously or in immediate succession.
- 9.2 The individual elements may be selected from Appendix 6 or from the FIG TOD. Individual elements selected from the FIG Tables of Difficulty must not exceed value 10. <u>Clarification:</u> In Balance the Round off can be used multiple times, however in Dynamic it may be used only ONE time.

Article 10 JUDGING 11-16 EVENTS

- 10.1 The emphasis of the Age Group competitions is on perfecting technical and artistic performance rather than on difficulty.
- 10.2 The exercises are judged for Technical and Artistic merit, in accordance with the current FIG Code of Points. (See Appendix 2 and Appendix 3)
- 10.3 Each element chosen from the COMPULSORY Difficulty tables has a stated difficulty Value, which is used to determine the Difficulty Value of the exercise.
- 10.4 Optional elements are not used in calculating the Difficulty value of the exercise, although they must be performed to meet Special Requirements.
- 10.5 The Difficulty Value of the exercise is calculated according the difficulty Value of the performed elements up to a max of 0,5:

| D-Value of Compulsory Elements |
|--------------------------------|
| 0.0 |
| 0.1 |
| 0.2 |
| 0.3 |
| 0.4 |
| 0.5 |

- 10.6 The total score is determined by adding together:
 - 2X the average mark for Technical merit (Execution or E score)
 - The average mark for Artistic merit (Artistry or A score)
 - The Difficulty Value of the Compulsory elements (D Score)
- 10.7 Penalties are taken from the Total Score by the Chair and DJ in accordance with the current FIG Code of Points. (See Appendix 1)

E score + A score + D score = Total Score - Penalties = Final Score

10.8 If four technical and four artistry judges are used, the average is determined by eliminating the high score and the low score, and taking the average of the middle two scores.

10.9 **TARIFF SHEETS 11-16**

A Tariff Sheet is the illustrated declaration, computer generated, of the pair/group and individual elements which are to be performed. **Only** elements to be performed for special requirements must be included on the tariff sheet. They must be drawn in the order of performance. If not, a 0.3 penalty for incorrect tariff sheet is applied.

Compulsory elements must include the Row, the box number and Value as indicated in the Compulsory Tables.

Optional elements which are used to meet requirements *must* be identified as Optional Elements. If they are selected from Appendix 6, they must be identified with the Appendix 6 page number, ID number, and difficulty value. If they are selected from the Tables of Difficulty, they must be identified by the TOD page number, ID number and value.

SECTION IV

AGE GROUP 12 – 18

Article 11 STRUCTURE OF COMPETITION Qualifications:

- 11.1 Each pair and group performs one Balance and one Dynamic exercise.
- 11.2 The places after qualifications are determined by the sum of scores from the two exercises: Balance and Dynamic.
- 11.3 The top 8 proceed to a Final with not more than one from one federation in each category. If there are less than 12 entries to a category, only 6 proceed to the final. If 30 or more units, 10 go to the final.
- 11.4 Competitors cannot participate in the Final without competing in both the Balance and Dynamic qualifying events.
- 11.5 Tie Break from Qualifications into Finals:
 - 1) The highest sum of the E-scores of the Balance and Dynamic exercises
 - 2) If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken and the starting order for the finals will be decided by draw

Finals:

- 11.6 Each Pair and group performs one Combined exercise in the finals.
- 11.7 Marking starts from zero.
 In case of a tie in points at any place in the Finals, the ranking will determined by the following criteria:
 1) The highest E scare of the Combined eversion provide
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 - 2) The highest sum of the E and A score of the Combined exercise prevails.
 - If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken.

11.8 If there are less than 4 countries participating in a category, no medals will be awarded. Certificates of participation will be presented.

Article 12 COMPOSITION OF EXERCISES

- 12.1 All exercises, Balance, Dynamic and Combined, are composed in accordance with the current FIG Technical Regulations, Code of Points and Tables of Difficulty for Acrobatic Gymnastics except as noted in Articles 12.5 12.11 below.
- 12.2 The Difficulty of an exercise will be calculated in accordance with the FIG Code of Points and the Tables of Difficulty. Difficulty is strictly limited:
 - Balance: 80
 - Dynamic: 70
 - Combined: 100
- 12.3 Pair/groups may perform up to 20 values more than that given for the maximum difficulty mark. If they exceed 20 values over the maximum difficulty, a penalty of 1.0 will be applied.
- 12.4 If elements of Difficulty beyond the additional 20 values allowed are not declared on the Tariff Sheet, but are performed, a penalty of 1.0 will be applied with the exception of the very simple entries/exits max Value 5.
- 12.5 In the balance exercise, each partner must perform 3 individual elements (balance, flexibility agility). If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 12.6 In the dynamic exercise, each partner must perform 3 tumbling elements. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied. One of these elements must be a salto. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 12.7 In the combined exercise, all partners must perform 3 individual elements. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied. One of these elements must be a salto, selected from agilities or tumbling. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 12.8 If the required salto is not performed by one or more of the partners, a penalty of 1.0 is applied for failure to meet the Special Requirement. This penalty is applied one time per exercise, even if more than one partner fails to meet this Special Requirement.

Men's group balance clarifications:

- 12.9 During the whole exercise the top can go to a position of no value, 2 times for this Age Group 12-18. This is not a transitional pyramid but 2 separate pyramids.
- 12.10 Pyramids with 2 bases on the floor can be used 2 times in an exercise.
- 12.11 Age Group 12-18: one pyramid with 2 bases on the floor may be used for special requirements. However difficulty credit may be given for 1 transitional pyramid with 2 bases on the floor and for 1 separate pyramid construction with 2 bases on the floor.

12.12 Forbidden balance elements for groups: (See pictures in Article 7.7 above.)

- 1. A column of three high for women or four high for men.
- 2. Stands on shoulders with base in splits without hands on the floor.
- 3. Stands on the bases' hips and chest, with the base in bridge, when there are only two points of support. (The rule does not apply to pairs.) This type of element may be performed when there are three points of support.
- 4. Support hips or glutei with the base in exaggerated curvature of the spine (lordosis).

Forbidden dynamic elements for pairs and groups:

1. Salto's with rotation of 12/4 or greater.

Article 13. JUDGING 12-18 EVENTS

- 13.1 All exercises are judged in accordance with the 2017 2020 FIG Code of Points for Acrobatic Gymnastics and the prevailing Technical Regulations.
- 13.2 See also the FIG Rules for Judges and the Acrobatic Gymnastics Specific Rules for Judges.

SECTION V

AGE GROUP 13 - 19

Article 14. STRUCTURE OF COMPETITION

Qualifications:

- 14.1 Each pair and group performs one Balance and one Dynamic exercise.
- 14.2 The places after qualifications are determined by the sum of scores from the two exercises: Balance and Dynamic.
- 14.3 The top 8 proceed to a Final with not more than one from one federation in each category. If there are less than 12 entries to a category, only 6 proceed to the final. If 30 units or more, 10 go to the final.
- 14.4 Competitors cannot participate in the Final without competing in both the Balance and Dynamic qualifying events.

- 14.5 Tie Break from Qualifications into Finals:
 - 1) The highest sum of the E-scores of the Balance and Dynamic exercises
 - 2) If a tie remains, the tie will not be broken and the starting order for the finals will be decided by draw.

Finals:

- 14.6 Each Pair and group performs one Combined exercise in the finals.
- 14.7 Marking starts from zero.

In case of a tie in points at any place in the Finals, the ranking will determined by the following criteria:

- 1) The highest E score of the Combined exercise prevails.
- 2) The highest sum of the E and A score of the Combined exercise prevails.
- 3) If there is still a tie, the tie will not be broken.
- 14.8 If there are less than 4 countries participating in a category, no medals will be awarded. Certificates of participation will be presented.

Article 15 COMPOSITION OF EXERCISES

- 15.1 All exercises, Balance, Dynamic and Combined, are composed in accordance with the current FIG Technical Regulations, Code of Points and Tables of Difficulty for Acrobatic Gymnastics, except as noted in articles 15.5 15.11 below.
- 15.2 The Difficulty of an exercise will be calculated in accordance with the FIG Code of Points and the Tables of Difficulty. Difficulty is strictly limited:
 - Balance: 120
 - Dynamic: 110
 - Combined: 140
- 15.3 Difficulty is strictly limited. Pair/groups may perform up to 20 values more than that given for the maximum difficulty. If they exceed 20 values over the maximum difficulty, a penalty of 1.0 will be applied.
- 15.4 If elements of Difficulty beyond the additional 20 values allowed are not declared on the Tariff Sheet, but are performed, a penalty of 1.0 will be applied with the exception of the very simple entries/exits max Value 5.
- 15.5 In the balance exercise, each partner must perform 3 individual elements. (balance, flexibility agility.) If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 15.6 In the dynamic exercise, each partner must perform 3 tumbling elements. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied. One of these elements must be a salto. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.
- 15.7 If a salto is not performed by one or more of the partners, a penalty of 1.0 is applied for failure to meet the Special Requirement. This penalty is applied one time per exercise, even if more than one partner fails to meet this Special Requirement.

15.8 In the combined exercise, all partners must perform 3 individual elements. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied. One of these elements must be a salto, selected from agilities or tumbling. If this special requirement is not fulfilled a penalty of 1.0 is applied.

Men's group balance clarifications:

- 15.9 During the whole exercise the top can go to a position of no value, 2 times for this Age Group 13-19. This is not a transitional pyramid but 2 separate pyramids.
- 15.10 Pyramids with 2 bases on the floor can be used 2 times in an exercise.
- 15.11 Age Group 13-19: one pyramid with 2 bases on the floor may be used for special requirements. However difficulty credit may be given for 1 transitional pyramid with 2 bases on the floor and for 1 separate pyramid construction with 2 bases on the floor.

15.12 Forbidden balance elements for groups: (See pictures in Article 7.7 above.)

- 1. A column of three high for women or four high for men.
- 2. Stands on shoulders with base in splits without hands on the floor.
- 3. Stands on the bases' hips and chest, with the base in bridge, when there are only two points of support. (The rule does not apply to pairs.) This type of element may be performed when there are three points of support.
- 4. Support hips or glutei with the base in exaggerated curvature of the spine (lordosis).

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APPENDICES



| CJP and DJ Penalties (ACRO Code of Points Article 43) |
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| Artistry Judging (ACRO Code of Points, Article 44) |
| Execution Judging (ACRO Code of Points, Article 45) |
| Measurement Procedure (ACRO Code of Points Appendix 1) |
| Compulsory Elements Table |
| Optional Elements Table (ACRO TOD) |
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APPENDIX 1

TABLES OF FAULTS AND PENALTIES

2013 CODE OF PONTS - ARTICLE 43: CJP AND DJ PENALTIES

43.1 The penalties range from 0.1 – 1.00 as illustrated in the Tables of Faults.

43.2 FINAL SCORE PENALTIES BY CJP

| CJP PENALTIES | Penalty |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Duration of Exercise over the time limit. | 0.1 per second |
| 2. Difference in heights of partners of the next tallest partner by appendix 1. | 0.1-1.0 |
| 3. Poor Sportsmanship on the Field of Play. | 0.5 |
| 4. Late Tariff Sheet. | 0.3 per exercise |
| 5. Re-start of exercise without justification. | 0.3 |
| 6. Music infringements (Music containing lyrics/words in more than one exercise-/not indicated on the correct TS) | 0.5 |
| 7. Failure to present to the judges at the start or end of exercise. | 0.3 |
| 8. Stepping over the boundary line. | 0.1 each time |
| 9. Landing on two feet outside or falling outside the boundary. | 0.5 each time |
| 10. Starting before the music or Ending before or after the music. | 0.3 |
| 11. Failure to observe publicity rules. (National Identification not clearly visible on attire.) | 0.2 |
| 12. Adjustment of attire. Loss of accessories. Skirt does not fall back on the hips. | 0.1 each time |
| 13. Unless otherwise indicated in this table, all attire infringement penalties. | 0.3 each occurrence |
| 14. Immodest attire. (For example, neckline too low.) | 0.5 |
| 15. Use of forbidden attire. (For example, character outfit.). | 0.5 |
| 16. Verbal coaching of partner. | 0.1 |
| 17. Coaching from sidelines (field of play). | 0.3 |
| 18. Markings, mat (exception MG B&C),, or coach present on the floor. | 0.5 |
| 19. Physical assistance by the coach. | 1.0 |

43.3 FINAL SCORE PENALTIES BY DJ

| DJ PENALTIES | Penalty |
|---|---|
| 1. Time fault for each static pair/group element held less than declared amount of time. | 0.3 per second short |
| 2. Static pair/group element held less than one second. | 0.9 time fault No difficulty value No SR credit |
| 3. Individual static element held for one second. | 0.3 time fault |
| 4. Individual static element held less than one second. | 0.6 time fault No difficulty value No SR credit |
| 5. Any element started and not completed. | No difficulty value No SR credit |
| 6. Each violation of Special Requirements for composition. | 1.0 for each violation |
| 7. Performance of a Forbidden element. | 1.0 each time |
| 8. Elements not performed in the order declared / or more elements declared than allowed. | 0.3 |

ARTICLE 44: ARTISTIC JUDGING

Artistic evaluation is not only "WHAT" the competitor(s) perform but also "HOW" they perform and "WHERE" they perform it.

44.1 For Artistic the following Artistry criteria are evaluated in a **positive** way using the provided scale:

| Partnership | Maximum 2.0 |
|-------------|-------------|
| Expression | Maximum 2.0 |
| Performance | Maximum 2.0 |
| Creativity | Maximum 2.0 |
| Musicality | Maximum 2.0 |

Artistry is judged on all the criteria in the Artistic Section of the COP by using the provided scale

44.2 **DESCRIPTIONS** of the criteria:

1. Partnership

Partnership selection that creates a logical relationship between individuals in pair or groups that is characterised by a visible connection.

2. Expression

- Making the audience understand your thoughts or feelings, character, attitude.
- Gymnasts convey a particular emotion

3. Performance

The act, process or art of performing by using amplitude, space, pathways, levels, Synchronization .

4. Creativity

Display imagination, originality, inventiveness, inspiration, *Variation* in : composition , entries / exits, elements.

5. Musicality

Gymnasts express the music throughout the performance:

- Match movement and form to the rhythm, melody and mood of the music being played;
- Synchronise with music beats;
- Vary the magnitude or speed / tempo of movements with music ;
- Use expressive movements that are influenced by melody, variations in rhythm and mood or combinations of these.

| 44.3 SCALE FOR EACH CRITER | IA |
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|----------------------------|----|

| Excellent: 2.0 | The routine includes/ demonstrates an outstanding level of the criteria |
|----------------------------|--|
| Very Good: 1.8 – 1.9 | The routine includes/ demonstrates high level of the criteria |
| Good: 1.6 – 1.7 | The routine includes/ demonstrates good level of the criteria |
| Satisfactory: 1.4 – 1.5 | The routine includes/ demonstrates average level of the criteria |
| Poor: 1.2 – 1.3 | The routine includes/ demonstrates low level of the criteria |
| Unacceptable: 1.0 – 1.1 | The routine includes/ demonstrates an unacceptable level of the criteria |

44.4 REFERENCE RANGE OF ARTISTIC SCORE:

| Excellent routines | Score between 9.6 to 10 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Very good routines | Score between 9.0 to 9.5 |
| Good routines | Score between 8.0 to 8.9 |
| Satisfactory routines | Score between 7.0 to 7.9 |
| Poor routines | Score between 6.0 to 6.9 |
| Unacceptable routines | Score between 5.0 to 5.9 |

ARTICLE 45: TECHNICAL FAULTS

- 45.1 Tables summarizing the seriousness of different kinds of technical faults are provided in Article 46.
- 45.2 Execution Faults are penalized by deductions from the maximum score of 10.00 each time they occur, using the following scale of penalties:
 - Small Faults 0.1
 - Significant Faults 0.2 0.3
 - Serious Faults 0.5
 - Fall 1.0

- 45.3 Deductions for performance of a single element, including its entry, cannot be more than 1.0, but non-completion of elements, landings and falls are considered separately.
- 45.4 TABLES OF TECHNICAL FAULTS

The Tables that follow are intended to be a general guide to the penalties that may be applied for Technical Faults in the performance of pair/group elements, individual elements or choreography. It is impossible to list every technical fault. It is expected that Judges will use this guideline as a basis for taking deductions for faults not included in these Tables.

| 4 | 5.5 AMPLITUDE | | | |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Criteria for Evaluation | | DEDUCTION | | |
| | | Small | Significant | Serious |
| 1. | Loss of stretch or amplitude or body tightness in execution. | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 |
| 2. | Lack of amplitude of flight in dynamic elements | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 |

45.6 BODY SHAPE, ANGLE AND LINE

| | | DEDUCTION | | | |
|-----|--|---------------------------|---------|-----|--|
| Cri | teria for Evaluation | Small Significant Serious | | | |
| 1. | Handstands off vertical or ideal positions | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 | |
| 2. | Back arch and/or hip flexing when trying to maintain a straight position | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 | |
| 3. | Bend of arms in handstands and angle of knee, ankles, wrists according to shape of handstand | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 | |
| 4. | Legs above or below ideal position in holds. (e.g. legs below horizontal when performing a lever hold) | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 | |
| 5. | Leg split less than 180° | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | | |

45.7 HESITATIONS, STEPS and SLIPS

| | | DEDUCTION | | | |
|----|---|-----------|-------------|---------|--|
| C | riteria for Evaluation | Small | Significant | Serious | |
| 1. | Hesitation of top or readjustments in climbing or transitions | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | | |
| 2. | Hesitation in a motion phase of an element stopping smooth flow | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | | |

| 3. | Loss of power in a motion that result in a restart of the motion | | | 0.5 |
|----|---|-----|---------|-----|
| 4. | Hops or steps in supporting, catching or landing. 1-2 small; 3 or 1 big step medium; 4+ serious | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 |
| 5. | Slip of a foot or hand in climbing, balancing or transitions | | | 0.5 |

| 45 | 5.8 INSTABILITY | 1 | | |
|-----|---|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Cri | teria for Evaluation | DEDUCTION | | |
| | | Small | Significant | Serious |
| 1. | Instability or tremor of base(s) or tops as element builds, in climbing, support, static holds or in making transitions/motions. | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 |
| 2. | Base switching from heels to toes or taking steps when trying to stabilize a hold or when catching | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | More than 3 steps - 0.5 |
| 3. | Readjustment of positions after catching or before throwing, pitching or stabilizing a balance | 0.1 | 0.2-0.3 | |
| 4. | A light touch of a partner or light touch of the floor in order to maintain balance on a partner or in landing. | 0.1 | | |
| 5. | Significant support or steadying of a partner to maintain balance on a partner or in landing. | | 0.2-0.3 | |
| 6. | One foot, one hand or other part of the body going through a platform or slipping off the point of support on Dynamic catches/landings on partner . | | | 0.5 |
| 7. | Sliding or falling onto one knee or putting one hand to the floor or one leg, head or shoulder onto or against the partner. | | | 0.5 |
| 8. | Momentary pressing of bodies or shoulders against top, by base(s), to steady a top. | | 0.2-0.3 | |
| 9. | Pressing of base(s) trunk(s) or shoulders against top to steady a serious problem in keeping stability or to prevent a fall. | | | 0.5 |

45.9 ROTATION

| | | DEDUCTION | | | |
|----|--|-----------|-------------|---------|--|
| Cr | iteria for Evaluation | Small | Significant | Serious | |
| 1. | Over or under rotation in turns, twists, or saltos | | 0.2-0.3 | 0.5 | |
| 2. | Under rotation of saltos requiring some assistance of partners to complete salto. | | 0.2-0.3 | | |
| 3. | Under/over rotation of saltos which requires complete support of partner (s) to complete salto and/or to prevent a fall. | | | 0.5 | |

45.10 NON-COMPLETION OF ELEMENTS AND FALLS

| Cri | teria for Evaluation | DEDUCTION | | |
|-----|--|-------------------|--|---------|
| | | Small Significant | | Serious |
| 1. | Non-completion of an element without a fall | | | 0.5 |
| 2. | The partner coming to the floor and landing unintentionally or illogically, without control, from a point of balance or support, but without a fall. | | | 0.5 |
| 3. | One foot or hand slipping from point of support on partner and hands being used to prevent a fall. | | | 0.5 |
| 4. | Either feet or hands slip off shoulders or other point of support resulting in supporter(s) having to prevent a fall. | | | 0.5 |
| 5. | Both feet or both hands sliding through a platform, off shoulders or other points of support on the partners' bodies when attempting to balance or in catching = FALL | | | 1.0 |
| 6. | Fall to the floor or on (a) partner(s) from a pyramid or pair element or off a platform without a controlled or logical landing.= FALL | | | 1.0 |
| 7. | Forward or backward roll following a landing without first showing a held position on feet. = FALL | | | 1.0 |

| An uncontrolled landing or fall to or on the floor made on head, seat, front, back or side, hands and knees together, both hands and feet or both knees. = FALL | | | 1.0 |
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APPENDIX 2

PROCEDURE OF ATHLETE MEASUREMENT-AGE GROUPS

Before competitions, athletes will be measured to the nearest millimetre by a professional Anthropometrist (a person who measures human bodies) or a Medical Doctor or Physiotherapist in the presence of **ONE** official of the member federation and the designated representative(s) of the Acrobatic Gymnastic Technical Committee, who records all measurements.

- 1. The Federation official and TC representative present each sign the protocol confirming the recorded measurement.
- 2. At least 1 member of the TC ACRO shall be present for any re-measurement or measurement which is likely to be contested. In the case of any suspicion of an attempt to avoid correct measurement, 3 members of the Superior Jury, including the President, must be present.
- 3. Athletes in a partnership are obliged to present for measurement at the same time and must have their accreditation cards (tags) and passports with them. These are checked against the competition registration number for the partnership.
- 4. The Head of Delegation and coach have the responsibility to ensure presentation of their competitors for measurement.
 - Measurement may take place either before or after a training session on the scheduled days for measurement.
 - Athletes who have not presented for measurement on the scheduled days will be disqualified from participation in the competition. For exceptional circumstances, such as illness, the President of the Superior Jury may make arrangements for the athlete to be measured at another time.
 - When the partnership is evidently within the size toleration, the passport age will be registered, but measurement will only occur when data is wanted for research purposes.
- 5. Measurement, when requested, is not an option for the coach or athlete. The Superior Jury can and will measure or re-measure any partnership during competition if there is question about size or there is doubt about the accuracy of the data provided by the technicians.
- 6. A re-measurement, if requested or necessary, must take place by conclusion of the first qualification exercise. Otherwise, the original measurement stands for the entire competition and can't be questioned anymore.
 - Re-measurement is taken as the best of the original and 2 other measurements. No more than these 3 measurements will be allowed. If an athlete obstructs the measurement being taken, after one warning the measurement process will stop and disqualification action is taken by the President of the Superior Jury.

- 7. All Athletes who perform as **supporting partners** (bases), **middles** (second or third) or as tops are measured:
 - bare feet wearing T-shirt or competition attire.
 - Athletes must lie on the back, straight, on a line on the floor, in normal posture with feet together and knees pressed back. The shoulders are relaxed.
 - The horizontal length from the feet(heels) to the top of the head is measured using an Electronic measuring device for length.
- 8. Athletes who do not co-operate with the instructions of the technician for any reason will receive **one** warning only from the Superior Jury representative. Any further lack of co-operation will result in disqualification from competition.
- 9. All ages and measurements are recorded and signed as correct by the technician and delivered to the Superior Jury. The Superior Jury determines which athletes receive a penalty for size intolerance.
- 10. The difference between partners allowed is <u>30 cm</u> (With a tolerance up to 30,9)
 - 31 cm up to 34,9 difference have the following deductions:

| 11 - 16 | 0.1 |
|---------|-----|
| 12 - 18 | 0.3 |
| 13 – 19 | 0,5 |

• 35 cm and more difference between partners have the following deductions:

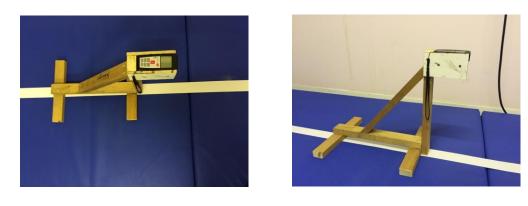
| 0.3 |
|-----|
| 0.5 |
| 1.0 |
| |

- 11. In application to groups, relative to the tallest partner, the difference to the next tallest partner will be measured according the rules above. The same applies to the next one.
- 12. In the event of an athlete trying to obstruct the measurement process, the pair/group will be disqualified from competition participation. The coach will be removed from the competition. The federation concerned will be given a warning during the competition. The matter will be referred to the Disciplinary Commission after the event. A repeat of cheating by competitors from the same federation <u>at any time during the competition cycle</u> will result in a sanction of the federation.
- 13. The apparatus must meet with the type and standards:
 - 1. An electronic laser device for length
 - 2. End side of this device must be fixed against the vertical plate of the tripod

Example:



Prototype:







Correct Positions for Measurement



- 1.Heels against the wall 2.Knees pressed back
- 3.Head in a neutral position
- 4.The shoulders are relaxed.

Errors in Position for Measurement

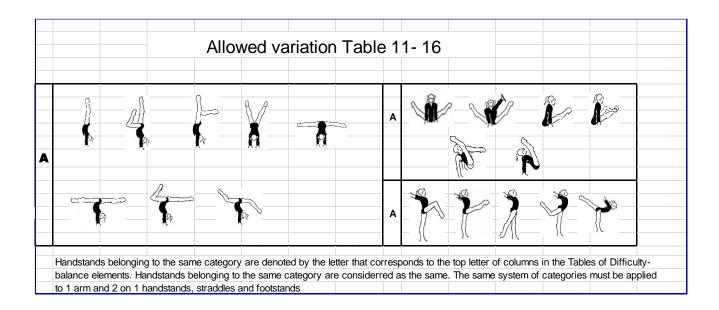


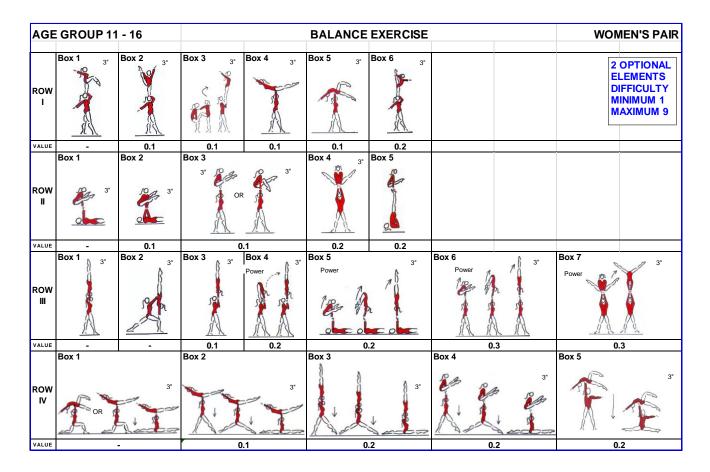
- Error 1: Heels not against the wall Error 2: Knees bent
- Error 3: Kyphosis forward (round back)
- Error 4: Lordosis (Hips pushed to the front)
- Error 5: Head not on the floor

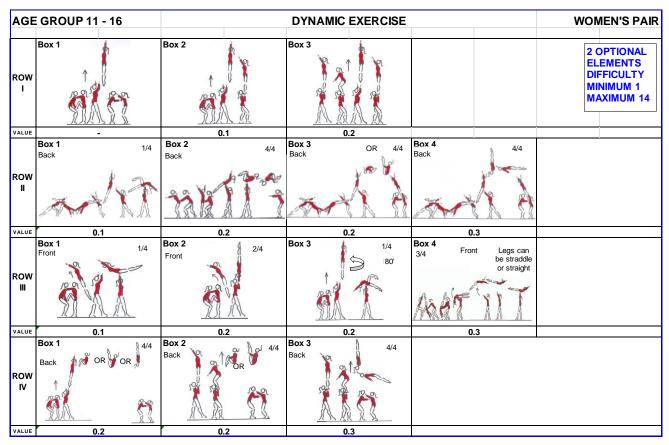
APPENDIX 3

WAGC Compulsory Elements Table2017-2020

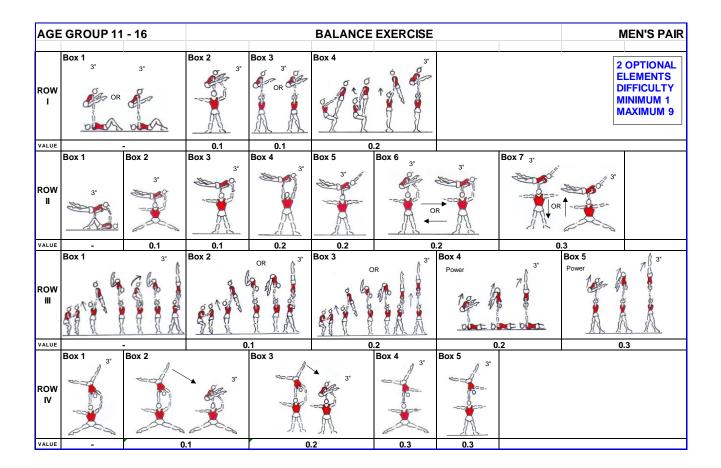
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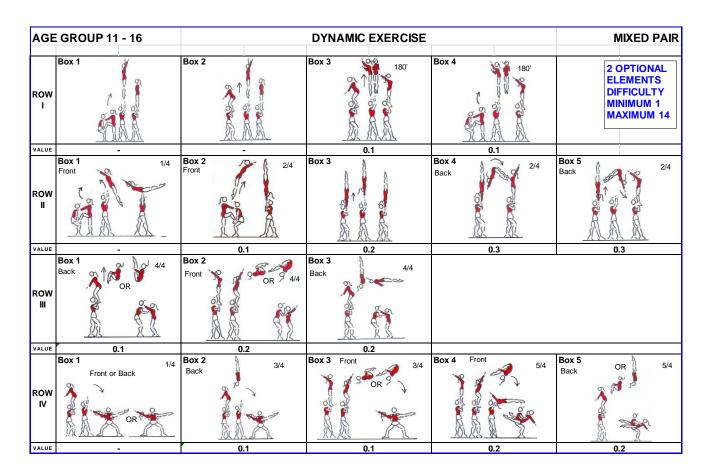


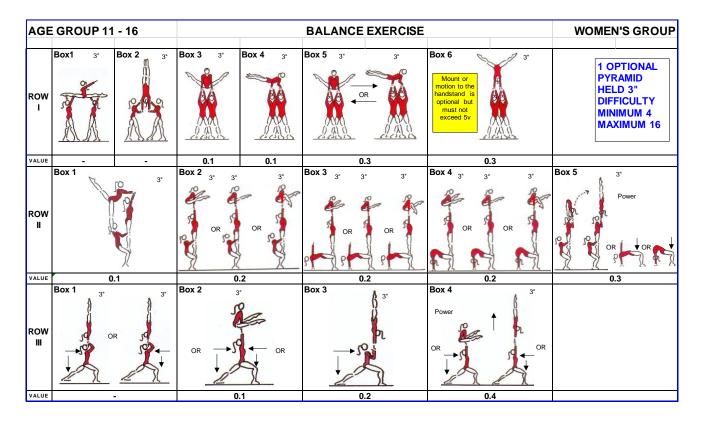
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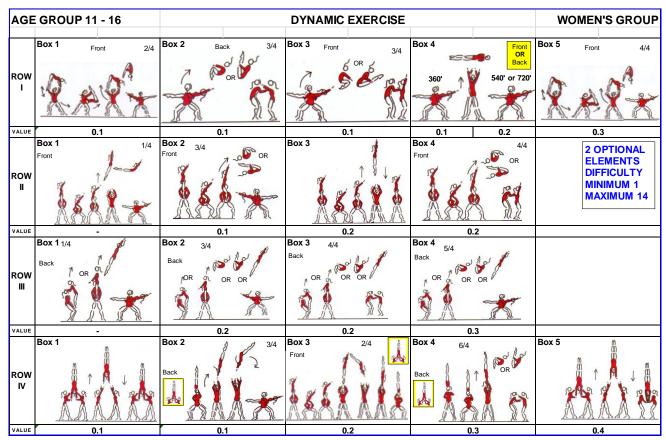


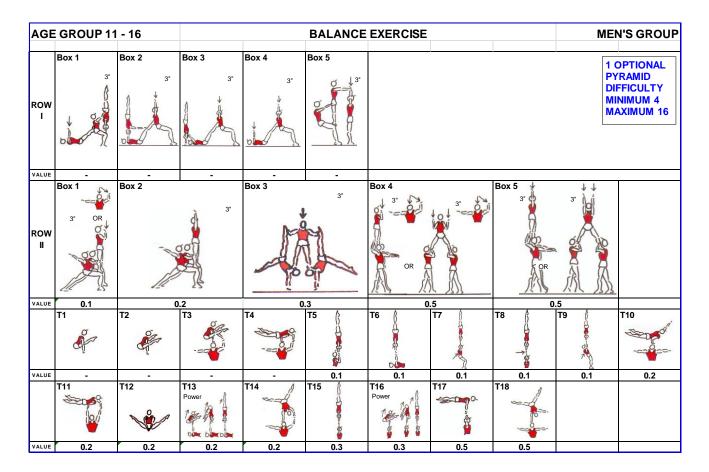
| AGE | E GROUP 11 - 16 DYNAMIC EXERCISE | | | | | MEN'S PAIR | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------|----------------|------------|--|----------|---|
| ROW I | Box 1 | Box 2 | Box 3 | Box 4 | Box 5 | 07 0R | | | 2 OPTIONAL ELEMENTS DIFFICULTY MINIMUM 1 MAXIMUM 14 |
| VALUE | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | _ | 0.2 | _ | <u>,</u> | |
| ROW II | Box 1 Back | 4/4 | Box 2 Back | 4/4 | Box 3 Ba | ACK 4/4 | Box 4 | Back 4/4 | Support of men's landing is obligatory |
| VALUE | 0. | .1 | 0 | .1 | | 0.1 | | 0.2 | |
| ROW Ⅲ | Box 1 | Back 2/4 Q | Box 2 | | Box 3 Front | 2/4 | Box 4 Back | 2/4 | |
| VALUE | | • | 0 | .1 | | 0.2 | | 0.3 | |
| ROW IV | Box 1 Back | 2/4 | Box 2 | | Box 3 Front | DR 01 2/4 | Box 4 Legs ca be straddl or straigh | | |
| | | | - | .1 | | 0.2 | | 0.3 | |

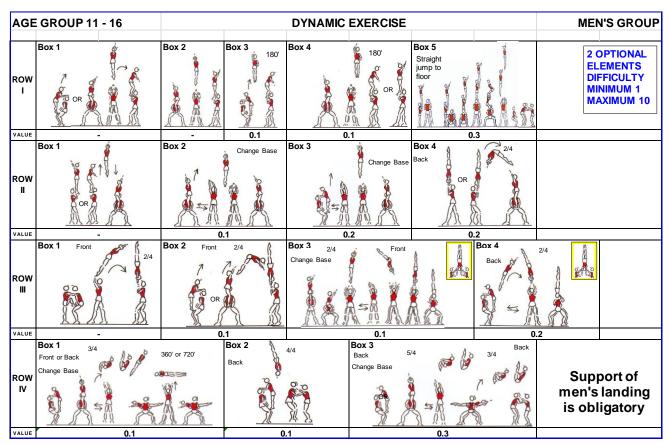
| AGE | GROUP 1 | 1 - 16 | BALANCE EXERCISE | | | | | | MIXED PAIR |
|------------|----------|------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------|--|
| ROW | Box 1 3" | Box 2 3" OR A | Box 3 3" | Box 4 3* | Box 5 3' OR 3' | Box 6 3* 3* OR | Box 7 3° | Box 8 | 2 OPTIONAL ELEMENTS DIFFICULTY MINIMUM 1 MAXIMUM 9 |
| VALUE | - | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | |
| ROW II | Box 1 3' | | Box 2 | 3" | Box 3 | OR 3" | | | Box 5 OR 3' |
| VALUE | - | | 0.1 | | 0.1 | | 0.2 Box 4 | | 0.3 |
| ROW III | 2 11 3 | | Box 2 Power | ower | | Box 3 Power | | 3* | |
| VALUE | 0.1 | | 0.1 | | 0.2 | | 0.3 | | |
| ROW IV | Box 1 | 3" | Box 2 | 3' | Box 3 | 3. | Box 4 | 3" | Box 5 |
| VALUE | | 0.1 | 0. | .1 | 0 |).1 | 0 | .2 | 0.2 |









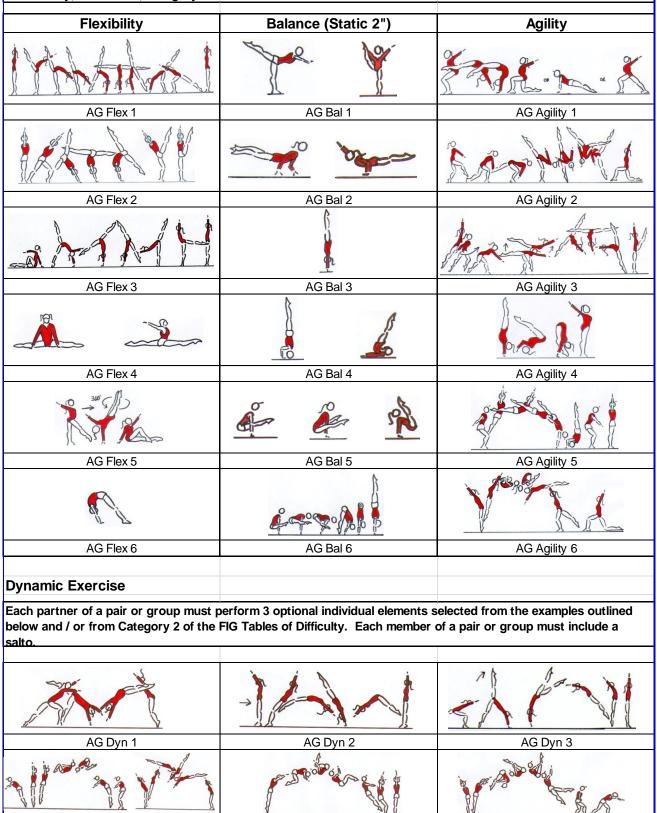




PAIRS & GROUPS

Balance Exercise

Each partner of a pair or group must perform 3 optional individual elements selected from the examples outlined below and / or from Category 1 of the FIG Tables of Difficulty. Each partner must show one:-1. Flexibility, 2. Balance, 3. Agility



AG Dyn 4a / AG Dyn 4b

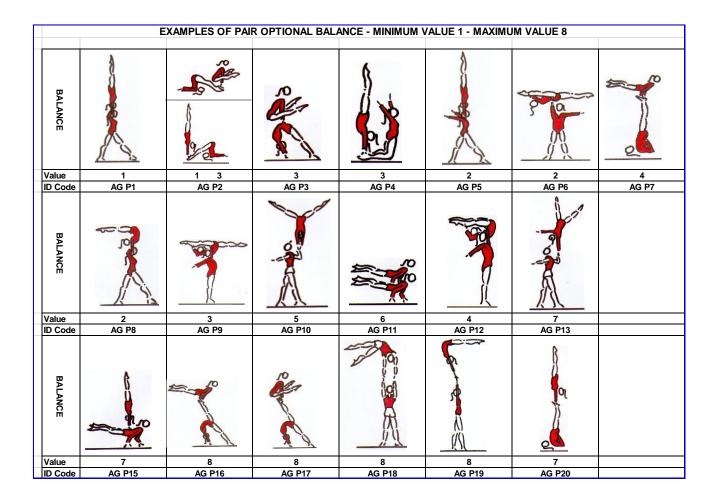
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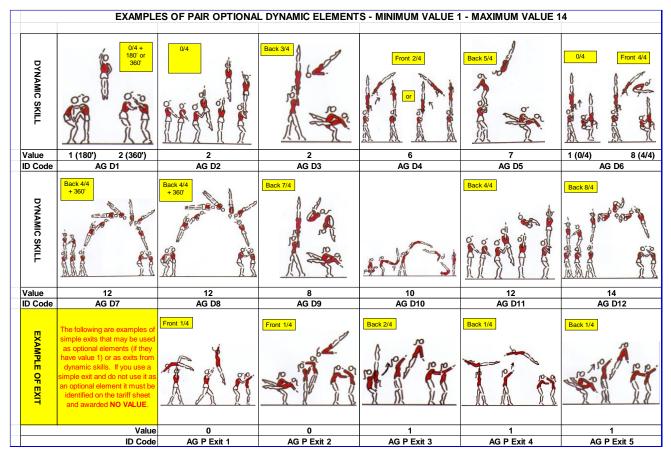
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WAGC Optional Elements Table 2017-2020

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