



Lausanne (SUI), October 2018

Timing of the exercise

The following ruling will apply to **ALL** disciplines:

“Timing related to all exercises (start of exercise, exercise duration) will be done in 1 second increments.”

Reference Judges and Panel Judges

For the 2020 Acro World Championships, the TC seeks approval for **NO Reference Judges** and the following number judges per panel:

Six Execution Judges and Six Artistry Judges – Two highest and two lowest marks would be dropped and the average of the two middle scores would be the final score for each component.

World Championships every year?

Please contact your National Federations to see if they are willing to host a World Championships in Acrobatic Gymnastics. Unless we have a guaranteed host for consecutive years across a cycle it would be impossible for the Acro Technical Committee to lobby the FIG to have a World Championships every year.

Please contact Mr. Rui Vinagre, FIG Sports Events Manager for further information and application forms: rvinagre@fig-gymnastics.org

11 – 16 Age Group Development project

The project is successfully finalised and all videos are available for all member federations, coaches and judges on the FIG website.

The age group compulsory tables for 11-16 under Acrobatics “Rules” are linked to the videos, so when you click on a box you get the connection with the clip on YouTube.

We hope it will help new coaches and new federations to start with Acro.

Reminder about all correspondence to the Technical Committee

If anyone would like get in touch with the FIG Acrobatic Technical Committee can we remind you that you must ensure that all correspondence has been confirmed and signed by the Secretary General of your own federation (or equivalent official). Requests, proposals, letters, etc. from Continental unions must also be approved by the respective secretary general.

Unfortunately, any requests from individuals / groups / committees that have not been approved by their respective federation and signed by the appropriate official **will not** be reviewed by the FIG Acro TC. This also applies to requests for new elements.

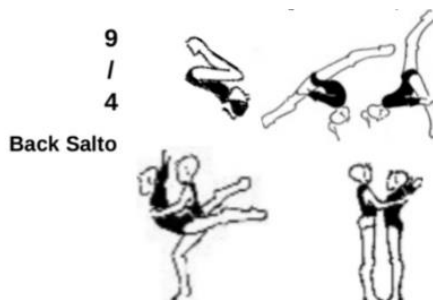


Clarification

When there is a fall in the performance of individual elements performed at the same time or in immediate succession the maximum deduction for the fall is 1.00 mark regardless of whether 1, 2, 3 or 4 partners fall.

Clarification

The following element is regarded as a stylistic variation of Page 50 – 45 – A12 = 20V



Clarification

The following leotard clarifications were reviewed and the decision of the technical committee was they **ARE NOT ALLOWED**.

The leotard has **loose** material and the collar is too elaborate and loose and therefore the decision is they are **not allowed**. We agree that they are beautiful leotards and would be excellent for gala displays but not for competition for safety reasons. (Refer to Article 34.8 in the Code of Points).



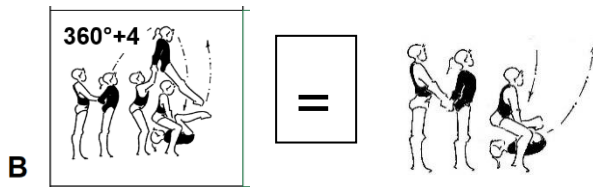
Loose material is **not** allowed



Clarification to the Tables of Difficulty

The following start positions are considered to be identical:

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Clarification

When the base is in a sitting position the expectation is that it should be similar to those shown below.



We **DO NOT** want to see a **sitting position** that is almost in lateral splits.



Clarification

The “ideal” position of the Yogi handstand

Coaches and judges please take note of the following picture:
The TC considers it to be the *ideal / perfect* position of the one arm **Yogi** handstand.





Youth Olympic Games



The first Youth Olympic Games gold in the Mixed Pair discipline went to **Mariela KOSTADINOVA** and **Panayot DIMITROV** (BUL). Noa YAKAR KAZADO and Yonatan FRIDMAN (ISR) took the silver medal and the bronze medal was won by Daryna PLOKHOTNIUK and Oleksandr MADEI (UKR).



“We are super happy to have won this medal, but more so about competing at these first Youth Olympic Games in our sport,” Madei said. *“It is a very big step forward for Acrobatics. Of course, our final goal is to be at the Olympic Games and it has been a long road for our sport to get to this competition. We want to make our sport known and the only way to do that is by having these competitions.”*



Rosy Taeymans, President of the FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee, said:

“It was a great for acrobatic gymnastics to be part of the Youth Olympic Games. The crowd seemed to love our sport. It is very attractive to watch and all we need to do now is to make sure that it gets the attention it deserves. We are already proud to be at the Youth Olympic Games, because it feels like we are finally included in the Olympic community. But we are still one step away from the real deal: the Olympics. Hopefully our time will come soon.”



Promotion of ACRO by social media:

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 Face book 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 the media department at:

mediafig@fig-gymnastics.org

Acrobatics on the FIG YouTube channel

Please take a look at the FIG You Tube channel where highlight videos from the 2018 World Championships have been uploaded - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXfnFaWRsdY>

Acrobatics on the Olympic Channel.



Please take a look at the Olympic Channel where there is great coverage of the World Championships with more than four hours of video footage at the Championships. Use the link below to access this fantastic programme:

OLYMPIC CHANNEL

<https://goo.gl/7V1xeP>

You can also review the results of the Mixed Pairs from the Youth Olympic Games.

Calendar of Acrobatic Events

- 1) World Cup Maia – Portugal, 08/03/2019 – 10/03/2019
- 2) World Cup Puurs – Belgium, 12/04/2019 – 14/04/2019
- 3) World Cup Las Vegas – USA, 22/03/2019 – 24/03/2019
- 4) European Games – Minsk, Belarus 17/06/2019 – 30/09/2019
- 5) World Cup Lisbon – Portugal, 13/09/2019 – 15/09/2019
- 6) EAGC & European Championships – Holon, Israel 21/10/2019 – 03/11/2019
- 7) WAGC & World Championships – Geneva, Switzerland 15/5/2020 – 01/06/2020

Rosy TAEYMANS, *President of the Acrobatic Gymnastics Technical Committee.*

Karl WHARTON, *Secretary*