

LAUSANNE (SUI), February 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the ACRO TC, I extend heartfelt wishes for a prosperous, healthy, and successful 2024. Let's work hard to make ACRO more famous around the world. We can do it together!!!

Acro Event reports

1. European ACRO Championships

The events took place in Varna, Bulgaria in the period 12-22 October 2023.

In the Age groups, a noteworthy addition was Slovakia, making it 22 countries in total. The overall competition showcased an impressive standard of quality. Despite the unofficial status of M4, resulting from Israel's late withdrawal and a decrease in participation, Greece demonstrated remarkable progress, solidifying its standing in this category. Switzerland also secured its first-ever medal, marking a significant achievement.

Now, looking at the Juniors and Seniors categories, there was a positive trend in increased participation:

Total National Federations (NF): 21 (249 gymnasts)

Juniors NF: 17 (144 gymnasts), Seniors NF: 17 (105 gymnasts)

Despite the absence of major acrobatics countries such as Russia, Belarussia and Israel due to the war in their countries, the competition witnessed a general improvement in performance. Unfortunately, both MP and M4 events had to be labeled unofficial due to insufficient participation after Israel's withdrawal.

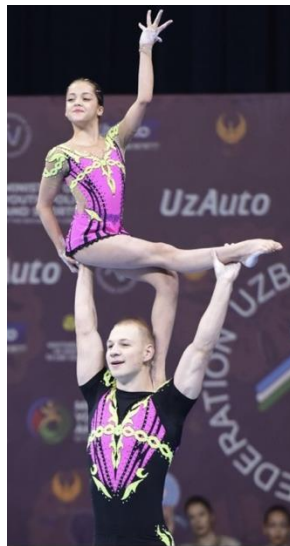
In the juniors, medals were distributed among 10 countries, with Italy securing the 3rd place in the medal ranking. At seniors level, 8 countries claimed the medals, with notable dominance from AZE in MP and MxP events, and BEL in the trio category.



2. 13th Asian Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships

The 13th Junior and Senior Asian Acrobatic Gymnastics Championships took place in Tashkent from October 18 to 20. The event concluded with a dazzling display of acrobatic prowess. Teams from Hong Kong, India, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan showcased their talent, with approximately 170 athletes competing across four age categories.

Unfortunately, the North Korean team was unable to attend due to an injury to the top of the mixed pair, and the Chinese team was unable to participate due to important domestic competitions in China. The judges panel was assembled from category 2, 3 and 4 judges from all of the above countries, only the Difficulty judge was invited from Georgia. The Hong Kong and Indian teams have stepped up very well. The atmosphere was wonderful, everyone was very happy to meet and conduct the competition with brilliance. Big thanks to the Uzbekistan Gymnastics Federation to host this AGU ACRO Championships.



3. The Pan American Acro Championships



After a very late withdrawal by the planned host, the Colombian Gymnastics Federation President, Samir Portillo, saved the 2023 Pan American Acro Championships by agreeing to take the event at the last minute. This time the event took place in the city of Ibagué at the Coliseo Mayor de Ibagué, perhaps better known as the “Space Ship” Venue. The venue was open on all sides. So the 79 participating athletes competed against a beautiful backdrop of the mountains surrounding the city.



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Six countries participated, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the United States.

The judges were excited to have the opportunity to learn from the invited CJP, Juan Antonio León Prados, ESP. Much time was spent discussing the Artistry judging forms and it was very helpful to have his expertise.

Much appreciation to the Colombian Gymnastics Federation for hosting the PAGU Championships for the second year in a row. The organizing committee worked very hard to provide a quality event. And all the participants were grateful for their warm hospitality.



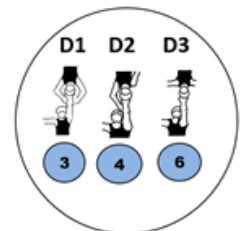
Questions and answers

1. Question: TOD p. 20 – D1 – D2 – D3

As the IDs and points of support of these positions different, can you confirm that the following positions are considered different?

Answer: Yes. By the current TOD, these three positions are different.

Rational: 1. Because they have a separate ID
2. Compare with other top positions (on 2 hands, 2 on 1 or on 1 hand) all on 1 hand of the base



2. Question: Can we use base positions from the same category during the transitional pyramid?

Answer: YES. To consider as a transition the base positions must be from one box to another. (Not from one Cat. to another). Also, see COP Art. 20.11 and Art. 20.12.

3. Question: Can the base in table position (photo bellow) also perform this element in a bridge position (drawing)?



Answer: Yes and the element with the base in bridge position is considered as a variant of pg 67 A 11 V 17 (same coordinates and same value)



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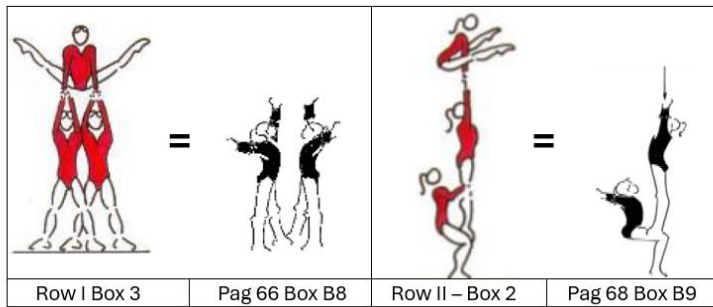
Clarifications

- 11-16 groups

Art 4.3 The Optional Pyramid may be selected from one of the same categories used for the Compulsory Elements. (Not a variant of a compulsory pyramid).

This means that variants of the compulsory pyramids of the same box in the TOD can **NOT** be done as an optional element.

Examples of pyramids that are considered as the same:



- **Base positions WG:**

- 1) By analogy with what was published in newsletter № 7 the following base position is considered as a variant of base position on **pg 68 D 5 V16** when the base is holding the middle partner on the leg.



- 2) 2 bases on the floor back to back = variant of Pg 66 B 6 = 2 bases face to face or variant of 2 bases side by side



- **General:**

Published in previous newsletters elements who were considered as a variant in the past are still accepted as such when they are not inside the current TOD.

- **Mount Pairs:** Following Mount is considered as a variant of p. 31 E-B 24

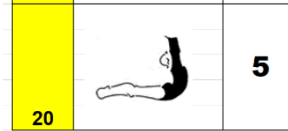


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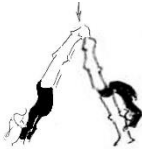
New element requests:

- **WP Base position**







Add at pg 19 the following **new base position**



- **WG Base position 1**



Add this new base position at pg 65 – C – 12b – Value 14

8	9	10	11	12a	12b
					
12	13	12	14	12	14

- **WG Base position 2**



This is **not a new** elements but a variant of pg 65 – C – 8 – Value 12

Calendar of approved FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics Events:

2024

Acro World Cup Series 2024:

- World Cup Burgas (BUL) 10 – 12 May 2024
- World Cup Maia (POR) 17 – 19 May 2024
- World Cup Rzeszow (POL) 31 May – 2 June 2024

Acro Academy level 1

Aalen – Germany, July 25-29, 2024

To Be Decided and in progress: Place and Date for the

- *13th World Age Group Competitions*
- *NEW: 1st Junior World Championships (Test event)*
- *29th World Championships*

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