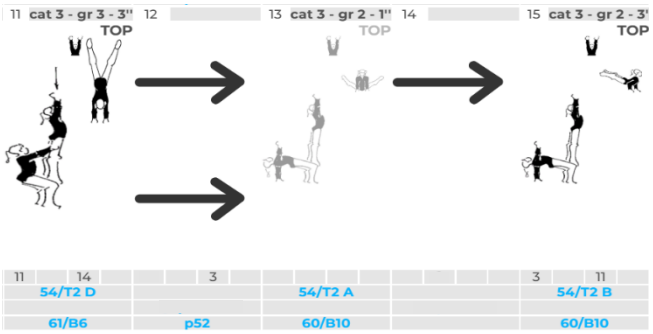
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1) Clarifications

Groups: Top Pass-through to final position - Art 18.4 and 20.17

During a transitional pyramid, if the top passes through a position that has value, without a hold (i.e., from handstand 3" top moves through straddle position to crocodile 3"), this is not a direct motion from handstand to crocodile, and therefore is considered without value (v0).

In this case, Art. 20.17 applies. The top receives v0 (for start position and motion), but the base receives the value of the transition. The transitional pyramid is still from 3" to 3", the top is only passing through a position to get to the final static hold. In this case, the tariff sheet should look as follows.

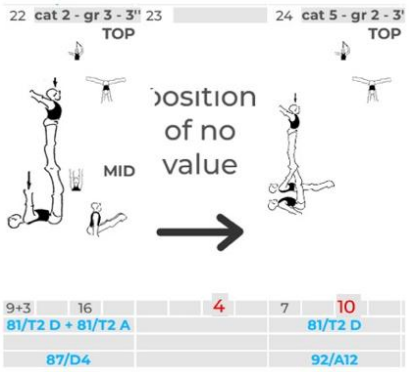


Groups: "Position of No Value" - Art 20.17

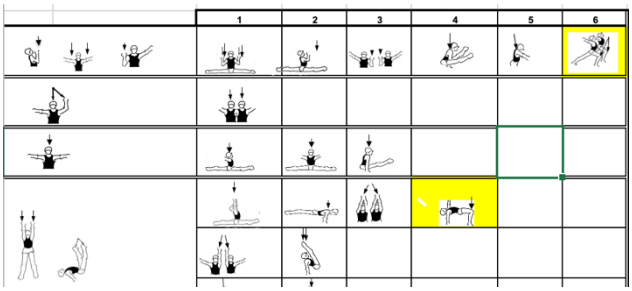
Art 20.17 is an EXCEPTION only for transitional pyramids, which allows the top to go to a position of no value during the base transition. Therefore, the top CANNOT go to a position of no value (i.e., stand/sit on shoulders) during a static pyramid.

Groups: Transitional Pyramids with a Category 2 Base Position – Art 20.17

In a transitional pyramid moving from a Cat. 2 pyramid or ending in a Cat. 2 pyramid, both tops must be in a position of value to receive the difficulty value for either or both top positions during the transition. If one or both of the tops goes to a position of no value, the other top also receives "0" difficulty value during the transition. The base transition value is given even if one or both tops is in a position of no value (Art 20.17).



Men's Groups: Balance p. 78



The points of support highlighted in yellow were missing from the ToD (p. 78). They have now been added and are considered equal to the corresponding point of support.

Art 27.2: Individual Elements in a Series

"All individual elements in a series must be declared on the Tariff Sheet and will receive difficulty. If an individual element is repeated, or not declared, the element(s) that follow are also given no difficulty." Note: "No difficulty" means no difficulty value, but CAN be used for special requirements (if needed).

Needle Position of Top:

When the top is in a needle foot stand position, the hands of the top can be on the top's ankle or wrapped around the foot. If the top's hand(s) is on the base's wrist or arm, a -0.5 additional support penalty applies.



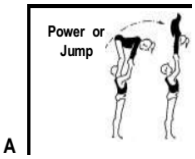




Pg. 28 A & B: Mounts

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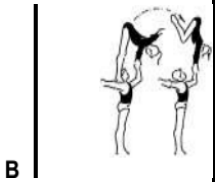
This ID and value is used when the top and/or base start the mount with 2 hands, regardless of the finish position.

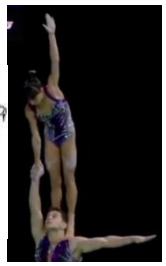




- **p. 28-B:**

This ID and value is used when the top AND base start the mount with one hand, regardless of the finish position





Pg. 41 #29: Pairs Dynamic Start Position:



This start position can be performed with top's hands free (as pictured) or with top placing hands on wrists of base. It is considered a different technique for this start position.

Pg. 58-B2: WG Base Position:

The base position in the picture is considered a variation of p. 58-B2 (v4).



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Pg. 58-E6: WG Base Position:



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The base position in the picture is considered a variation of p. 58-E6 (v10).

Pg. 59-D12: WG Base Position:

The second top can be on one point of support on the base's back leg. This is considered a variation with the same ID and value (p.59-D12 v3).



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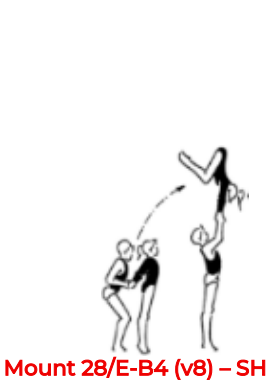
2) Questions & Answers

Q1: Newsletter #6 (March 2026) – Is it possible to perform, in one exercise, the examples shown in Newsletter #6, pg. 2 (clarification to 17.11)?

A1: The examples shown to clarify Art. 17.11 were intended to explain what is considered identical elements (i.e., the same static hold, but with a different motion into the SH, means the elements are NOT IDENTICAL). This example does not mean that all of these elements can be performed in one exercise. Please remember that the restriction in Art. 19.3 still applies: "The top can receive difficulty value for the same position in the whole exercise: 2 times for a static hold, 2 times for motion of the base". Therefore, the top cannot perform the same static hold more than 2 times in an exercise.

Q2: Pre-Youth 11-16: Is it possible to perform a mount into a static compulsory element and/or optional element?

A2: It is possible if the value of the mount only (not mount + SH) does not exceed v5. Pre-Youth Art. 2.5 can include mounts. In Pre-Youth, the athletes may get into the static hold position, as they wish (unless specified in the compulsory element table), as long as the simple entry does not exceed v5. Value of the mount (only) = value from the mount page of ToD minus (-) value of the static hold (from ToD). It is not required to declare simple entries on the tariff sheet. Reminder that optional elements (SH) cannot be taken from the compulsory tables; this includes compulsory elements with mounts as well as the static hold. DJs should watch for simple entries and exits performed in competition and may need to look up/calculate values to confirm they do not exceed v5.



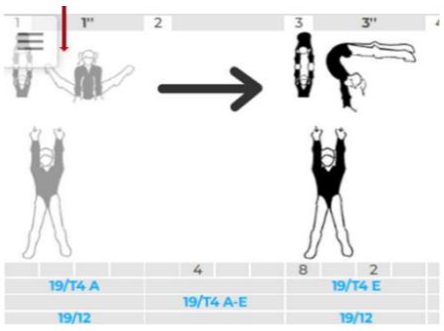
Mount 28/E-B4 (v8) – SH (v5) = Value of Mount (v3)



Optional Element

Q3: What happens if the top loses balance during the 1-second hold before being able to initiate the motion?

A3: A -0.9 TF would apply since all partners are in place and the top is in a position on the point of support. (Art. 21.3)



Q4: On page 115 of the ToD, elements 116 (flic-flac with legs together) and 117 (split flic-flac), together with their respective landings, are listed. Can the DJ remove the DV claimed if a regular flic-flac is declared but a split flic-flac is performed?

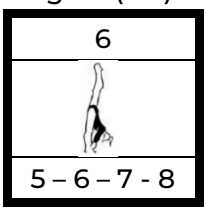
A4: These flics are considered different elements because they have different IDs. If a different element is performed in competition than declared on the tariff sheet, DV is cut, but the element can be used to fulfill SR (if needed). Since both elements are in the same box of the ToD, they can only be used once (per partner) in an exercise.

3) New Elements - The NEW elements published in this newsletter may be used in competition beginning on **May 10, 2027.**

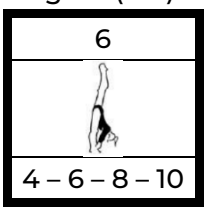
WG: Top in Needle

Add needle position of the top to pages 55, 56, 57 with the respective values below.

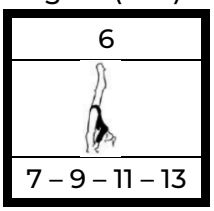
Pg. 55 (T 8):



Pg. 56 (T 11):



Pg. 57 (T 14):

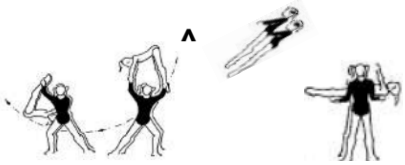


Example



WG: Dynamic

Pg. 72, add value for front 8/4 double straight to the TOD = v22.



4) Reminders

Real-time Judging Functionality on STS

Use STS to practice real-time judging in execution. This functionality can be used with any of the videos in the competition videos archive. Once a video is selected, there will be a blue button centered beneath the video called "E-jury Dots". Click this button to open the real-time judging functionality, which allows judges to watch the exercise and apply execution deductions for each element (captured on the video timeline). Instructions for this new process can be found under "Help" once the judge clicks the "E-jury Dots" button.

New Element Requests

Correspondence and requests for new element evaluations must be submitted by your federation using the official form found in the Tables of Difficulty (including photos, video, and requested value) and sent via email to newelementsrequest@gmail.com.
Requests should be submitted at least one week before the next TC meeting, no later than January 15, 2027.

5) Events

11-13 Feb 2027	Acrobatics World Cup (Puurs-Sint-Amanda, BEL)
18-21 March 2027	2027 European Youth Competition (Pesaro, ITA)
24-28 March 2027	2027 Junior European Championships (Pesaro, ITA) 2027 Senior European Championships (Pesaro, ITA)
14-16 May 2027	Acrobatics World Cup (Maia, POR)
27-29 May 2027	Acrobatics World Cup (Aalen, GER)
4-6 June 2027	Acrobatics World Cup (Burgas, BUL)
11-13 June 2027	Acrobatics World Cup (Baku, AZE)
16-27 June 2027	2027 European Games (Istanbul, TUR)

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