



### More Exposure for Acrobatic Gymnastics!

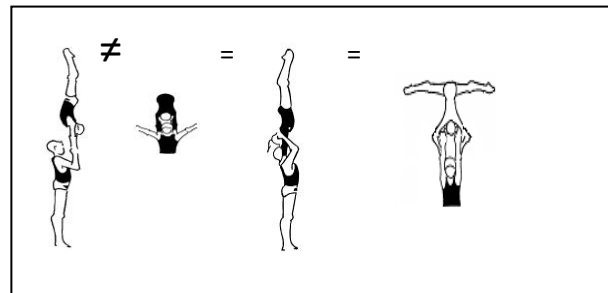
After acrobatic gymnastics was part of the closing ceremony at the 2012 Olympic Games it is now going to be part of the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 FIFA Soccer World Cup in Sao Paulo, Brazil on June 12<sup>th</sup> this summer.

### Clarifications, Questions and Answers on the WAGC, Tables of Difficulty and Code of Points

#### Clarification to the last newsletter:

During conversion from Word to PDF the following elements did not convert correctly. Please add the following changes to pages 100, 102 and 104 and 13 in the Tables of Difficulty.

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#### New Element Requests :

All new element requests must be received by 1st June 2014 to be evaluated and published in the Autumn of 2014 for inclusion in the competition programme from 1st January 2015.. Please send all requests to the TC secretary : Karl Wharton – [Kwacro@aol.com](mailto:Kwacro@aol.com)

#### FIG Academy for Acrobatic Gymnastics Level 1 – South Africa

With participants from South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique and Zimbabwe, the L1 Acro Academy, held together with a L1 MAG/WAG Academy, had an incredible total of 29 participants. It was an all-time record for all the Acro Academies that have been held so far.

It was a landmark for the sport since, presently, only South Africa has competitive national championships and participates regularly in World events. So it was an amazing opportunity for these 3 new comers (NAM, MOZ and ZIM) to get involved in the sport and have a possibility to learn to start an Acrobatic National Program in their own countries.

The course leader in South Africa was Lourenço França of Portugal who has served as FIG expert at Level 1 Academies in Venezuela and Panama and had by his side Vanda Videira, also from Portugal who served also as expert in the same Academies. Both Portuguese National Coaches



taught all the practical lectures. Louis Fourie and Derick Scholtz who also were responsible for the practical lectures for the MAG/WAG Academy taught all the theoretical lectures.

The three-part examination proved quite challenging because not all participants were very familiar with this discipline. However, most achieved satisfactory results and some received excellent results. The highest result was achieved by Alexander Demianenko of South Africa with an outstanding 93% overall. The next highest result went to Naomi Botha and Anzelle Koekemoer also of South Africa.

In this historically important moment for South Africa, all the coaches were highly committed and motivated and the Academy environment was quite impressive. No matter the origin country and the different backgrounds there was a lot of passion and involvement in all the activities and lectures.

**Lets promote Acrobatic Gymnastics whenever we can!**

**Note from Blythe Lawrence - member of the media team at the FIG:**



When something happens in the World of Acro, we totally want to hear about it. (A great example is the retirement of Laure de Pryck and Nicolas Vleeshouwers who have now joined the show Ovo with Cirque du Soleil.)



We'll do articles for the FIG website. We'll work with you to arrange interviews. We'll share the news on Facebook 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 me at: [blawrence@fig-gymnastics.org](mailto:blawrence@fig-gymnastics.org)

### Acrobatic Calendar

- **Stars Above the Boug River**, Sanctioned FIG Event – Vinnitsa, UKR, 27<sup>th</sup>February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2014 (*cancelled on Feb. 20*)
- **World Cup**, POR, Maia, 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March
- **World Cup**, GER, Aalen, 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April
- **Volkov Cup**, RUS, Oktyabrskii, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May
- **WAGC and WCH, Levallois (Paris) 2014**
  - 29<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July – WAGC
  - 6<sup>th</sup> July – 13<sup>th</sup> July – WCH
- **World Cup – The Pat Wade Classic**, GBR, Venue - TBC, 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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