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The FIG MTC has made the following interpretations and clarifications regarding the 2017 MAG Code of Points at their June 2018 meeting in Lausanne. The information below responds to frequently asked questions since their last meeting, and is separated into three distinct sections; Clarifications to the Code of Points, new elements successfully performed since Newsletter #33, and retroactively named new elements.

I. Clarifications to the 2017-2020 Code of Points

Reminder
Not acknowledging the D1 judge before or after the exercise. 0.30 for each time from the Final Score by the D1 judge.

Regarding Article 9.2 Determination of Execution and Technical Errors
7. Execution errors such as bending the arms, legs or body are categorized as follows:
   Small Error: slight bending.
   Medium Error: strong bending.
   Large Error: extreme bending.

For better differentiation please use these angular deviation principles:

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<th>Mistake</th>
<th>Angular deviation</th>
<th>Deduction</th>
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<td>Slight bending</td>
<td>&gt;0° - 45°</td>
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<td>Strong bending</td>
<td>&gt;45° - 90°</td>
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<td>Extreme bending</td>
<td>&gt; 90°</td>
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The only exceptions:
Parallel Bars- bending of the legs before horizontal during the swing action of a Moy or any giant swing element AND after Bhavasr type of elements
Horizontal Bar- bending of the legs during swing action AND bending of the arms during regrasping after flight elements
The Code of Points gives specific deductions for these exceptions.

Floor Exercise
On Floor Exercise for “Uncontrolled momentary landings, also in transition,” No connection bonus is given if there is a 0.5 deduction for uncontrolled landing of the second element in a connection.

Element II 58, Deferr in pike position – already in the Code of Points as a D value element.

Pommel Horse
Any travelling action followed by a Wende action cannot receive an increase in Value – For example Tong Fei plus Wende dismount = D + A.

Element II 65, Sohn and II 83, Bezugo are defined from support on two pommels 360° turn to finish in front support on two pommels. If gymnast does not finish with hands on both pommels, there is no credit awarded for these specific elements.
Magyar & Sivado in Flair must complete travel in Flair position and not close the legs early. If a gymnast does not finish the travel in Flair and closes the legs early, he receives D value. Please remember that the only travels upgraded by performing in Flair position are the Magyar and Sivado travels.

No extra action may be added before or after any scissor to handstand for an increase in value. Example: addition hop before element I 4, Li Ning will NOT increase the value.
The MTC has applied a principle where only circle/flair elements can be awarded more than a D value.

Clarification concerning elements in EGII and EGIII, except elements through handstand and lower to support with straddle legs, require a listed CoP element afterwards for value. The only exception would be a swing forward with both legs (half circle) and finishing the circle with one leg, following by simple leg swing or scissor.
For example: On one pommel: L, L, S, S finishing in front support sideways and half circle with followed motion backward with one leg. D jury action: E value element and element without value.

Clarification concerning deductions for lack of amplitude in scissors and single leg swings. Article 11.3.

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<td>Above shoulder line.</td>
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<td>Between shoulder and horizontal line.</td>
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<td>Lower horizontal line.</td>
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The MTC has applied a principle where all full spindles with or without travel with both hands outside the pommels starting in cross or side support = F value and in CoP box EG II, #30

Parallel Bars
A front uprise to L sit can be deducted for lack of amplitude in the uprise, 0.1 or 0.3.

Horizontal Bar
Stalder, followed by a step of the hand sideways on the bar, followed by a half turn = B value for Stalder only, and separate half turn.

A visible hop must occur during a Quast. If there is no visible hop the gymnast will not receive value.

Art 15.3, Specific deductions
Current text: “Entry angle deviations from handstand in Endos and Stalders”
New text: “Entry angle deviations from handstand in Endos, Stalders and Weiler”
II. New Elements performed since Newsletter #33 was published.

The FIG MTC confirms the following new elements were successfully performed so far in 2018. MAG gymnasts may receive the name for a new element performed in an official FIG competition upon successful completion without a large deduction error.

FLOOR

RIEK Jack (AUS)

- Endo roll through wide-arm straddle L to Japanese handstand (2 sec.)
- C value (EG I)
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2018 Pacific Rim Championships in Medellin (COL), name awarded: RIEK

POMMEL HORSE

KEIKHA Saeedreza (IRI)

- Direct Stockli A (DSA) outside pommels
- D value (EG II)
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2018 Apparatus World Cup in Baku (AZE), name awarded: KEIKHA 3
KEIKHA Saeedreza (IRI)
- *Travel Backward with ½ Spindle over both pommels (5 to 1)*
- E value (EG III)
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2018 Apparatus World Cup in Baku (AZE), name awarded: **KEIKHA 4**

KEIKHA Saeedreza (IRI)
- *From cross support rearways, full Spindle over both pommels within two circles*
- F value (EG II) #30
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2018 World Challenge Cup in Mersin (TUR), name awarded: **KEIKHA 5**
III. New Elements named retroactively:

FLOOR EXERCISE

GONZALEZ Tomas (CHI)

- Salto backward straight with 7/2 turn
- E value (EG III) # 23
- Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the 2003 World Championships in Anaheim (USA), name awarded: GONZALEZ

![Image of a gymnast performing a Salto backward straight with 7/2 turn.]

VAULT

YANG Wei (CHN)

- Melissanidis piked
- 5.6 value (EG III) # 386
- Performed successfully for value in the Finals of the 2002 World Championships in Debrecen (HUN), name awarded: YANG WEI

![Image of a gymnast performing a Melissanidis piked.]

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