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Dear Friends,

At the end of the year, and prior to a number of your judges attending the intercontinental judges' course in Bratislava, as well as many different courses in all parts of the world, we would like to give you some information on a number of clarifications that we have made to the Code of Points. If you are missing some points (where thankfully some of your experts informed us about errors in the English version) we will still collect every item and make alterations at the Intercontinental Course and publish the final (corrected) version of the Code of Points immediately afterwards on the FIG web-site.

We have clarified the landing deductions in Double Mini-Trampoline and Tumbling as follows; and after we have received many questions regarding this:

Double Mini-Trampoline

21.3	Deductions for execution:	
21.3.1*	lack of form, height and control in each element	0.1-0.5 pts
21.3.2	lack of stability after the dismount (a single deduction for the greater fault only):	
21.3.2.1	not standing still in an upright position and showing stability for approximately 3 (three) seconds <i>or make the following deductions on the instruction of the Chair of Judges Panel:</i>	0.1-0.3 pts
21.3.2.2	after landing, touching the DMT or landing zone/area with one or both hands	0.5 pts
21.3.2.3*	landing inside zone A (see Part II – Guide to Judging)	0.0 pts
21.3.2.4*	landing inside zone B (see Part II – Guide to Judging)	0.3 pts
21.3.2.5*	landing inside zone C (see Part II – Guide to Judging)	0.5 pts
21.3.2.3	after landing, touching with or falling to the knees, hands & knees, front, back or seat on the landing area	1.0 pts
21.3.2.4	assistance from a spotter after landing	1.0 pts
21.3.2.5	after landing in the landing area, leaving the landing area, or touching outside the landing area or touching the floor with any part of the body or falling against touching the DMT	1.0 pts
21.4	Make the following <u>additional</u> deductions on the instruction of the CJP:	
21.4.1	landing inside zone B (see Part II – Guide to Judging)	0.3 pts
21.4.2	landing inside zone C (see Part II – Guide to Judging)	0.5 pts
21.4.3	stepping out from zone A to B or from zone B to C	0.1 pts
	In no case should the landing deductions exceed 1.0 pts.	
21.4.4	Not initiating the first element within 20 seconds after the signal given by the Chair of Judges Panel, as per §13.2	0.1 pts
21.4.5	Talking to or giving any form of signal to a gymnast by their own spotters or coach during the pass, for each occurrence	0.3 pts
21.4.6	For touching the penalty zone in the centre of the DMT while performing a mount, spotter or dismount skill, for each occurrence <i>(the end markers on the ends of the DMT are <u>not</u> penalty zones)</i>	0.3 pts
21.4.7	For touching anything other than the bed during a pass	0.1 pts



TUMBLING

21.3	Deductions for execution	
21.3.1*	lack of form, control, height and rhythm in each element	0.1-0.5 pts
21.3.2*	lack of stability after a complete pass (8 elements), a single deduction for the greater fault only:	
21.3.2.1	not standing still in an upright position and showing stability for approximately 3 (three) seconds <i>or make the following deductions on the instruction of the Chair of Judges Panel</i>	0.1-0.3 pts
21.3.2.2	after landing, touching the track or landing zone/area with one or both hands	0.5 pts
21.3.2.3	landing outside the outer lines of the track or landing zone	0.5 pts
21.3.2.3	after landing, touching with or falling to the knees, hands & knees, front, back or seat on the track or landing area	1.0 pts
21.3.2.4	assistance from a spotter after landing	1.0 pts
21.3.2.5	after landing in the landing area or on the track, leaving the landing area or the track, or touching outside the landing area or touching the floor with any part of the body	1.0 pts
21.4	Make the following <u>additional</u> deductions on the instruction of the Chair of Judges Panel:	
21.4.1	landing outside the outer lines of the track or landing zone	0.5 pts
21.4.2	after landing, stepping out of the landing zone to the landing area	0.1 pts
	In no case should the landing deductions exceed 1.0 pts	
21.4.3	Not initiating the first element within 20 seconds after the signal given by the Chair of Judges Panel, as per §13.2	0.1 pts
21.4.4	Talking to or giving any form of signal to a gymnast by their own spotter, or coach, for each occurrence	0.3 pts
21.4.5	Failing to end a completed pass with a somersault, as per §17.4	1.0 pts
21.4.6	Additional elements as per §17.5	1.0 pts
21.4.7	Failing to comply with the special requirements for a pass, as per §5.4.1, 5.4.2 and 5.4.3, for each occurrence	1.0 pts
21.4.8	Ending a complete pass on the tumbling track as per §17.3.	0.2 pts

Difficulty Judging:

Again we have to come back to the difficulty in multiple somersaults with multiple twists, as we have already described in two previous Newsletters. We have now added a new sentence in the "Guide to Judging":

4. Twists in different phases of somersaults

- In somersaults of 540° or less only 1 phase is recognised and an element will be considered a repetition if it does not meet the criteria listed above in respect of different shapes.
- In somersaults of 630°-900° 2 phases are recognised, early and late, and these are found by dividing the degrees of rotation by 2.
- **But**, all multiple twisting double somersaults in layout or pike positions with the same amount of twisting rotation, performed without a recognisable pause in twisting rotation or without defined positions, will be considered as repetitions if used more than once.

Execution Judging:

During the past number of years every expert in Trampoline has recognised that our top athletes are very close together in Difficulty as well as in Execution, and perhaps had the feeling that sometimes a competitor had to have good luck to reach a final or a place on the podium because the deviation between success or "failure" was on many occasion only 1 or 2 tenths of a point.



Also the TC scoring during competitions as Superior Jury and during detailed video analysis, had shown many cases where the execution scores did not reflect the actual performance level but effected qualifications for Finals and even the ranking of top athletes on the podium.

After the deep analysis at many major events of all the TCs **and** judges' scores, the Technical Committee came to the conclusion that the existing execution scoring system in Trampoline Individual is still too subjective and more so, does not enable the judges to rank the gymnasts at high level competitions always correctly. In other words, a judge can try to be as objective as possible, he/she will never be better than the described criteria in the Code of Points.

And perhaps that is the point where we have to react (or act) at least. A judge in our sport has to analyse a skill in 1.5 to 1.7 seconds for more than 6 criteria, like position of body, legs, arms, head, arching, opening of a layout position, holding this position, landing, travelling, landing outside the zone, etc. Too much, we think, to decide about the differences in quality of our top performers, if there are really differences.

The TC is of the opinion that some objective criteria should be included into our judging system. We can measure the time of flight or deduct the landing outside the central "box" (zone). Then the execution judges do not have to concentrate about the criteria of loosing height or being outside the "box". And as these objective criteria will be part of the total execution score (the percentage is still under discussion) it should also help to rank the athletes correctly. We discussed this very honestly and had already started to make some tests during the last World Cups.

I, myself had a meeting with the FIG President recently and explained to him, that we might have to change our Code of Points during the next cycle to build in one or two of these objective criteria and I have received his authority to proceed with this testing during the next few World Cups. And if this proves to be more objective overall, we will be allowed to change our COP at the beginning 2010.

Of course we cannot do this without the full support of the **new** elected TC and we **will not** do it without a discussion within our Trampoline community. The first opportunity for more information and discussion will be the Intercontinental Judges Course. And if there is an agreement to proceed with this in the new TC, we will have a Round Table at the World Championships 2009 in St Petersburg.

The Trampoline TC wishes you all some leisure and peaceful days at the end of the year and a very successful year 2009!

Yours

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