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The FIG MTC has made the following interpretations and clarifications regarding the 2017 MAG Code of Points at their December 2017 meeting in Lausanne (SUI). The information below responds to some frequently asked questions since their last meeting in June, including the World Championships in Montreal (CAN). The Newsletter is separated into three distinct sections: Code of Points interpretations and clarifications, new elements successfully performed since Newsletter #32, and one retroactively recognized new element.

### **I. Interpretations and Clarifications to the 2017-2020 Code of Points (Effective Immediately)**

#### **General**

Following a fall from the apparatus, if a gymnast intentionally remains off of his feet, in order to avoid the 30 second fall clock (resting, adjusting grips, receiving chalk from coach, delaying the competition without justification, etc.), then the following rule may be applied from Article 2.4.e:

“Other undisciplined or abusive behaviour – 0.3 from the Final Score by the D1 Judge”

Regarding Article 9.2.9, “A press from a static strength element that did not have its difficulty recognized for any reason will not have its difficulty recognized.” However, it is possible the final hold part can be recognized.

For example:

On Rings - Kip to Cross, 46 deg. + press to Swallow with perfect execution of the Swallow (II.89). The Swallow (II.10) will receive credit (D part)

On Floor exercise – Support lever, no hold, and press to handstand, hold 2 secs. (I.33). The Handstand (I.19) will receive credit (A value).

#### **Pommel Horse**

Clarification concerning the evaluation for the Li Ning Scissor (I.4) to handstand performed with hand(s) stepping off the Pommel;

If a gymnast steps down off of the pommel with one hand, then returns to the pommel and then steps down off the pommel with any hand again, the penalty will be the same as stepping down with both hands. Article 11.2.1 k:

Step down off pommel with two hands = no value (D jury) and -0.5 or -1.0 (dependent on continuance of exercise or fall) + other execution errors (E jury).

Newsletter 32 (edit)

Current text: When the gymnast reaches the far end of the PH with both hands, the Travel is deemed to be complete, and the gymnast might add any listed elements in the CoP (Rus180, Rus360, etc).

New text: When the gymnast reaches the far end of the PH with both hands, having made 720° turn, the Travel is deemed to be complete, and the gymnast might add any listed elements in the CoP (Rus180, Rus360, etc).



### Rings

Regarding the CHECHI and CSOLLANY elements (I.8) for Junior athletes;  
Junior gymnasts are NOT permitted to perform any of the Li Ning style elements on Rings. They are permitted to perform the Chechi version of uprise to counter salto fwd, but NOT CSOLLANY.

Article 12.2.2.4.m Regarding the Swing to handstand requirement;

“One Swing to handstand element (2 s. hold) is required in the exercise and must be inside 10 counting elements and inside the 8 counting elements for Juniors”. Only the following 5 elements may fulfil this requirement.

I.81 Swing fwd. with straight arms to hdst. (2 s.)

I.87 Uprise bwd. or giant swing to handstand with straight arms (2 s.)

I.92 From support swing bwd. to handstand (2 s.)

I.93 Honma and swing bwd. to handstand (2 s.)

I.94 Honma str. and swing bwd. to handstand (2 s.)

### Parallel Bars

A gymnast may not do a Gagnon 1 (III.123) and a Gagnon 2 (III.124) in the same exercise on Parallel Bars. The special repetition rule, regarding salto elements applies, Art 14.2.2.4. a.

### Horizontal Bar

The Zou Li Min (I.27) may be performed to mixed grip or under-grip for credit. The CoP now says “*On one arm, giant swing fwd. with 1/1 t. to el-grip and 1/1 turn*”

### New Elements

#### **In order for a new element/Vault to be evaluated at a competition:**

- The new elements must be presented no later than the day and hour as stipulated in the Work Plan.
- The request for evaluation must be accompanied with any technical drawings and a mandatory video on a USB memory stick.
- All values given at competitions are provisional until approved by the FIG TC.
- New elements performed in the Olympic qualification competitions require confirmation of provisional value by the TC President before evaluation for the respective competition
- The evaluation at the competition will be communicated as soon as possible in writing to the concerned Federation and to the judges at the Judges’ Instruction or a Briefing before the respective competition.
- The decisions have validity only at that specific respective competition
- New elements will appear for the first time in the MAG Newsletter only after they have been performed successfully by the gymnast then submitted and confirmed by the respective TC.



**In order for a new element/Vault to be named after a gymnast it must be:** *(valid from 1st February 2018)*

- Performed internationally for the first time at an official FIG Group 1, 2 or 3 competition (with or without an official FIG TD present) or at a FIG Group 4 competition with an official FIG TD present.
- C value or higher and performed for value
- Difficulty value and name will only be confirmed following a TC analysis of the performance
- If more than one gymnast at the same competition performs the same new element, the element will be named after all gymnasts.
- The Federation of the gymnast has the responsibility to submit a video of the proposed new element to the FIG TC President as soon as possible after the competition. In addition, the competition TD must submit the official video, original video and drawing submitted by the coach (if available), and all details about the provisional evaluation given at the competition, to the FIG TC President as soon as possible.

### II. New Elements performed without large error since Newsletter #32 was published.

The FIG MTC confirms the following new elements were successfully performed in late 2017. MAG gymnasts may receive the name for a new element performed in an official FIG competition upon successful completion without a large deduction error.

#### POMMEL HORSE

##### **KURBANOV Nariman (KAZ)**

Travel backward in cross support over both pommels.

E value (Element III.59).

Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the World Championships in Montreal (CAN).

Name awarded: **KURBANOV**



#### RINGS

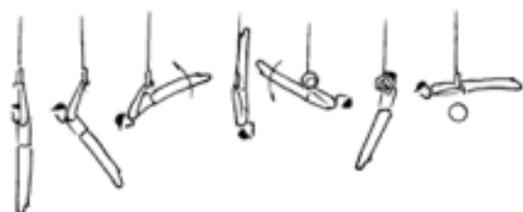
##### **PHAM PHUOC Hung (VIE)**

Slow roll forward with straight body and arms through cross to swallow (2 sec).

E value (Element II 113).

Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the World Championships in Montreal (CAN).

Name awarded: **PHAM 2**





**PARALLEL BARS**

**GAGNON Joel (CAN)**

Basket roll backward with straight salto ½ to upper arm hang.

D value (Element III.124).

Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the World Universiade in Taipei (TPE).

Name awarded: **GAGNON 2**



**MUNTEAN Andrei Vasile (ROU)**

Front uprise and straddled cut backward to hang.

C value (Element II.3).

Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the World Championships in Montreal (CAN).

Name awarded: **MUNTEAN**



**HORIZONTAL BAR**

**KOUDINOV Mikhail (NZL)**

Gaylord with 1/1 turn.

G value (Element II.66).

Performed successfully for value in the Qualifications of the World Challenge cup in Szombathely (HUN).

Name awarded: **KOUDINOV**



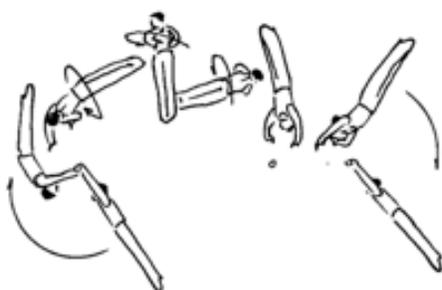
**MIYACHI Hidetaka (JPN)**

Kovacs with 2/1 turn stretched.

I value (Element II.96).

Performed successfully for value in the Apparatus Final of the World Championships in Montreal (CAN).

Name awarded: **MIYACHI**



**III. New Element named retroactively:**

**POMMEL HORSE**

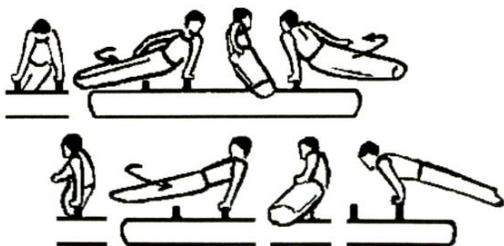
**BERTONCELI Saso (SLO)**

Kehr with 270° turn on 1 pommel (Sohn technique) from side to cross support.

C value (Element II 69).

Performed for value in the Apparatus Final of the 2010 World Championships in Rotterdam (NED).

Name awarded: **BERTONCELI**



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With compliments,

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