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### Introduction and greetings

The Men's Technical Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very successful 2021.

We know and understand that these have been difficult times for everyone, not just in your gymnastics work as judges, coaches and administrators, but also in your personal lives. Like all of you, many of our friends from around the world, the opportunities that we have previously enjoyed, like getting together at competitions, were taken away from us by this Covid pandemic.

However, the pandemic has also reminded us of what is most important in life, and that is family and health. The cancellations and postponements of events, while disappointing, were unfortunately necessary in light of the severity of this terrible virus.

The FIG is working tirelessly with its member federations to make sure gymnastics events can start-up as soon as possible. Until then, stay safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing all of you again very soon.

All the best,  
Arturs, Andy, Julio, Holger, Tomita, Liping, Jeff and Aljaz.

The FIG MTC has made the following interpretations and clarifications regarding the 2017 MAG Code of Points at their January 2021 meeting by video conference. The information below responds to frequently asked questions since their last meeting and is separated into two distinct sections; Clarifications in Code of Points and new elements successfully performed since Newsletter #36.

## I. Clarifications to the 2017-2020 Code of Points

### Pommel Horse

Article 11.2.2 Information about the "D score"

2. Additional information and regulations:

d) Combined elements

Clarification concerning the number of flops performed in direct succession.

It is clear that any sequence not correctly completed will not be recognized as a combined element. In this example: only the first circle on one pommel will receive a B value for difficulty in a sequence of LLLL~~SL~~ (B+rep+rep+rep+non-recognition).





At the same time a gymnast has to perform any element from the CoP (except on one pommel) after a Flop type element or combined sequence with Russian. Please note however that no element will be recognized on one pommel immediately after.

In this example: LLLLL, the sequence will be recognized as E + non- recognition.



**Article 11.2.1 Information about Exercise Presentation**

3. Additional execution, technical and exercise construction expectations are:

i) A simple handstand dismount must cross the horse in order to be recognized.



**Article 11.2.2 Information about the “D score”**

2. Additional information and regulations:

c) Handstand

c.5) ... However, if there is a large error, no recognition will be given for the handstand or dismount.

In this example the gymnast crosses the body of the horse, then during upgrade attempt (turn/travel in handstand) made a large error and therefore will receive no upgrade, but will still receive a C value dismount.



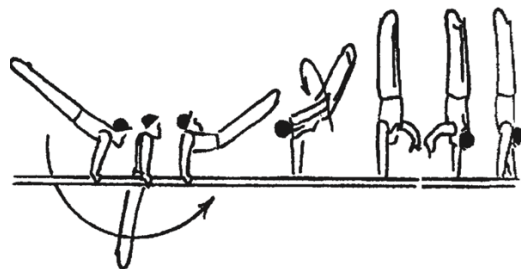
**Parallel Bars**

Regarding **Article 14.2.2. 3.** Additional information and regulations: b) Special rule: Elements to one bar in cross support have the same value as done to two bars, except they increase by one value more when connected to Healy type elements (each Healy element also increases by one value)

**Example 1.**

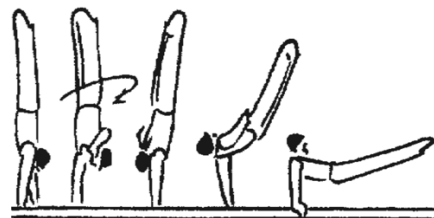
I 21. Diamidov

I 70 Healy to support (also from hdst on 1 rail)



C ⇒ D

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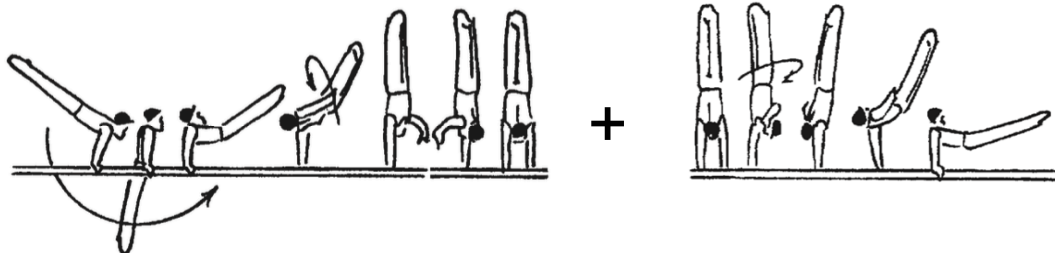
D ⇒ E (I 71)



**Example 2.**

I 22 Diamidov with 5/4 t.

I 70 Healy to support (also from hdst on 1 rail)



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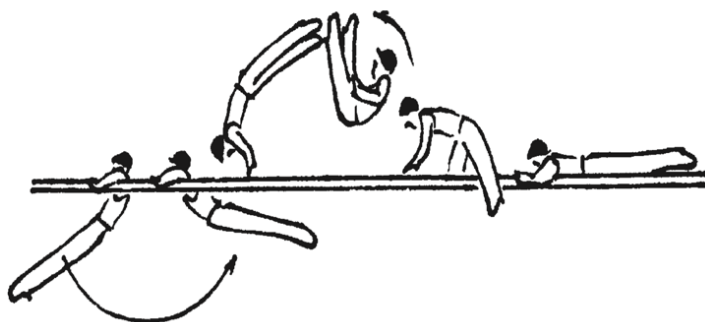
**II. New Elements performed without large error since Newsletter #36 was published.**

The FIG MTC confirms the following new elements were successfully performed in 2020. MAG gymnasts may receive the name for a new element performed in an official FIG competition upon successful completion without a large deduction error.

**Parallel Bars**

**Petro PAKHNIUK (UKR)**

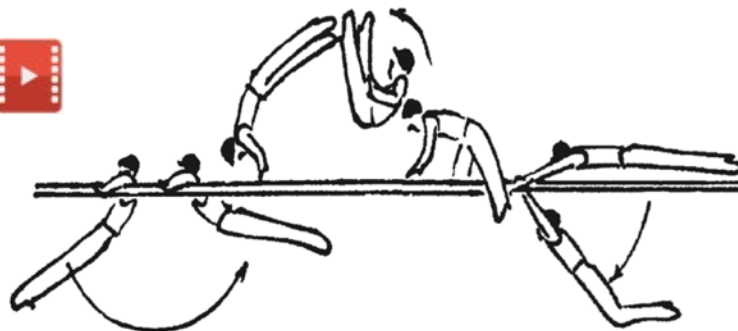
- Backward uprise and 5/4 salto fwd straddled to upper arm hang.
- E Value (EG II) #53
- Element was already in the Code but was performed successfully for the first time in competition during the 2020 Challenge Cup, Szombathely (HUN)
- Name awarded **PAKHNIUK**





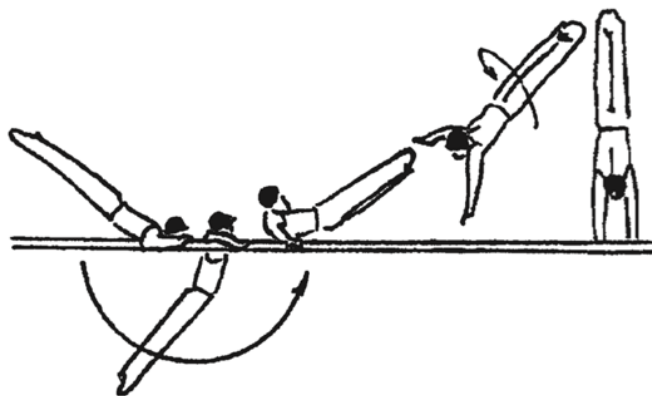
**Petro PAKHNIUK (UKR)**

- Backward uprise and 5/4 salto fwd straddled to hang.
- F Value (EG II) #54
- Performed successfully for value in competition during the 2020 Challenge Cup, Szombathely (HUN)
- Name awarded **PAKHNIUK 2**



**Ferhat ARICAN (TUR)**

- Forward uprise with Stutzkehr or salto bwd to hdst. sideways on 1 rail.
- F Value (EG II)
- Performed in competition during the 2020 European Championships, Mersin (TUR)
- No name awarded



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With compliments,

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