## Level 4

Level 4 routines should be evaluated by 2 panels: D Panel (Difficulty) and E Panel (Execution). To calculate the final score for each gymnast, the score from the D Panel is added to the score from the E Panel. If there is more than one judge on a panel, the final score for that panel will be the average of all judges' scores. If a panel consists of 4 or more judges, the head judge may elect to drop the high and low scores and average the middle scores of the judges on the panel. Level 4 routines are evaluated according to the following guidelines:

## D Panel: 10.0

3.6 Body Skills
2.4 Apparatus Handling
1.8 Rhythmic Steps
0.2 Virtuosity
2.0 Mastery

1. Body Skills- Maximum value of 3.6
a. Required: 6 difficulties (body skills)
b. Required: 2 different leaps/jumps, 2 different pivots, 2 different balances
c. All difficulties must be from the current FIG Code of Points
d. FIG 0.1 difficulties are valued at 0.2
e. FIG 0.2 difficulties are valued at 0.4
f. FIG 0.3 or higher difficulties are valued at 0.6
g. At least one occurrence of Apparatus Handling must be performed in conjunction with each Body Skill
h. Partial points may be awarded, depending on the execution and amplitude of the skill.
1) Full credit is given if the skill is executed to FIG standards of execution \& amplitude
2) Partial credit is given, at the judge's discretion, depending on the execution \& amplitude of the skill
3) No credit is given if the skill is omitted or unrecognizable
2. Apparatus Handling (2.4)
a. 12 occurrences of apparatus handling are required
b. Apparatus handling is chosen from the current FIG Code of Points (see chart in Appendix)
c. Each handling will be valued at 0.2
d. Each handling may receive credit three times.
e. No partial points may be given.
f. In order to receive credit, the apparatus handling must be performed in conjunction with a Body Skill, Rhythmic Steps, or a body movement as follows:

- 1.2 Body Skills (6)
- 0.6 Rhythmic Steps (3)
- 0.6 Free choice performed with a Body Skill, Rhythmic Steps or body movement (3)

3. Rhythmic Dance Steps - Maximum value of 1.8
a. 3 sequences are required
b. A sequence must have a minimum of 4-6 dance steps that reflect the character of the music \& choreography
c. Each sequence is valued at 0.6
d. No credit will be awarded if the Rhythmic Dance Steps are performed with static apparatus.
e. No partial credit may be given
4. Virtuosity - Maximum value of 0.2
a. At the judge's discretion, the athlete may be awarded up to 0.2 points for virtuosity.
b. No partial points may be given.
c. To receive points for virtuosity, the athlete must show:
1) Clean execution and excellent amplitude throughout the entire routine
2) A clear connection between the choreography \& the music
3) Intricate apparatus handling
4) Complex dance steps that reflect the character of the music
5. Mastery - Maximum value of 2.0
a. There is no requirement for Mastery elements
b. Mastery elements are chosen from the current FIG Code of Points (see chart in Appendix)
c. Each Mastery element is valued at 0.4
d. A maximum of 5 mastery elements may receive credit
e. No partial points may be given.

## E Panel: 10.0

Partial points may be awarded, as listed below.

| 7.0 | Execution, Amplitude, and Apparatus Technique |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1.0 | Connections |
| 1.0 | Musicality |
| 0.5 | Floor pattern and use of space |
| 0.5 | Elegance and Expression |

## Execution, Amplitude, and Apparatus Technique (7.0)

The following breakdown is a guideline to help determine the amount of credit to be given for execution and amplitude. The gymnast will begin with a minimum base score of 1.0. The Execution and Amplitude category is divided into sub-categories so that each gymnast will be rewarded for areas in which she excels and not be too harshly penalized for an area in which she may have limitations.
3.0 Form (pointed toes, straight legs, position and extension of the upper body, etc.).
2.0 Amplitude - The general extension and amplitude of both body (height of jumps, extension of the legs and upper body, high on toes, etc.) and apparatus (height of tosses, extension in swings, etc.).
2.0 Apparatus errors (drops, incorrect handling of the apparatus, static apparatus, etc.).

Note: Faults are penalized according to degree:

| 0.1 | Small faults |
| :--- | :--- |
| 0.3 | Medium faults |
| 0.5 | Major faults |

Note: Drops of the apparatus are to be penalized as follows:
0.3 Immediate retrieval (without a step)
0.5 Retrieval after 1-2 steps
0.7 Retrieval after 3 or more steps

## Connections (1.0)

The composition should be developed by the technical, aesthetic, and connecting elements, where one movement passes smoothly into the next, including contrasts in the speed/intensity (dynamism), amplitude and levels of the movements, performed in relationship with the music. (FIG)

## Musicality (1.0)

The character of the music should define the guiding idea/theme of the composition, and the gymnast must convey this guiding idea to the audience from the beginning to the end of the exercise. (FIG)

## Floor Pattern and Use of Space (0.5)

The floor area must be used completely:
$\square \square$ Different levels (gymnast in flight, standing, on the floor, etc.)
$\square \square$ Variety of directions/trajectories of body/apparatus movements (forward, backwards, etc.)

- $\quad$ Variety in the modalities of travelling (FIG)


## Elegance and Expression (0.5)

Elegance includes graceful, soft, flowing arms, supple body movements and an elegant carriage of the body. Expression through the use of body and facial expression, the gymnast must convey the idea of the choreography to the audience. The gymnast must be full of confidence and perform with style and emotion.

## APPARATUS HANDLING

## ROPE U

| - | - Passing through the rope with a jump/leap. Rope turning forward, backward, or to the side |
| :---: | :---: |
| W | - Passing through the rope with series (3 minimum) of small hops. Rope turning forward, backward, or to the side |
| ${ }^{\circ}$ | - ''Echappe" |
| $000$ | - Spirals (double or more rotations of the rope's end during "echappe") |
| 8 | - Figure eight or "sail" movement with ample movement of the trunk (Rope held in two hands) <br> - Large circles (rope held in two hands) |
| $\downarrow$ | - Catch of the rope with one end in each hand |
| $\bigcirc$ | - $\quad$ Series (3 minimum) of rotations. Rope folded in two <br> - One free rotation around a part of the body <br> - One rotation of the open, stretched rope, helded by the middle or by the end |
| $\longleftrightarrow$ | - Small or medium throw and catch |
| $\infty$ | - Wrapping or swings |

## BALL

| $000{ }^{3}$ | - Free roll of the ball on the body |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0000 | - Large ( 1 meter minimum) roll of the ball on the floor <br> - Series (3 minimum) of small rolls of the ball on the floor |
| $V$ | - Bounces <br> - Series (3 min.) of small bounces (below knee level) <br> - One high bounce (knee level and higher) <br> - Visible rebound from a part of the body |
| 8 | - Balancing of the ball - For example: Swings or Figure eight of the ball with circle movements of the arms (circumduction) |
| $\downarrow$ | - Catch of the ball with one hand |
| 0 | - '"Flip over" movement of the ball <br> - Rotations of the hand(s) around the ball <br> - Series (3 min.) of assisted small rolls <br> - Roll of the body over the ball on the floor <br> - Thrust/push of the ball from different parts of the body |
| $\leftrightarrow$ | - Small or medium throw and catch |


| X | - Mills- at least 4 small circles of the clubs with time delay and by alternating crossed and uncrossed wrists/hands each time |
| :---: | :---: |
| Q | - Series (3 minimum) of small circles with both clubs |
| + | - Asymmetric movements of 2 clubs, must be different in their shape or amplitude and in the work planes or direction |
| $\Leftrightarrow$ | - Small throws and catches with rotation of 2 clubs together, simultaneously or alternating |
| $\infty$ | - Free rotations of 1 or 2 clubs on the part of the body or on the floor <br> - Rolls of 1 or 2 clubs on the part of the body or on the floor <br> - Rebound of 1 or 2 clubs from the body <br> - Swings <br> - "Sliding" <br> - Tapping (1 minimum) <br> - Thrust/push of the clubs from different part of the body |
| $\bigcirc$ | - Series (3 minimum) of small circles with 1 club |
| $\leftrightarrow$ | - Small or medium throw and catch of 1 club |
| $\mathscr{\square}$ | - Throw or catch of 2 clubs, simultaneous |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { ヘ }}$ | - Throw or catch of 2 clubs, asymmetric |
| 有 | - "Cascade" throws (double or triple) |


| $\infty$ | - Spirals (4-5 waves), tight and same height |
| :---: | :---: |
| $0 \times$ | - Spirals on the floor |
| $W^{\prime}$ | - Snakes (4-5 waves), tight and same height |
| $\triangle$ W | - Snakes on the floor |
| $\infty$ | - Passing through or over the pattern of the ribbon |
| \% | - "Echappe" |
| $\gtrless$ | - Boomerang in the air or on the floor |
| $\infty$ | - Rotational movement of the ribbon stick around the hand <br> - Roll of the ribbon stick on the part of the body <br> - Rebound of the stick from the part of the body <br> - Wrapping <br> - Figure eights, swings, large circles <br> - Movement of the ribbon around the part of the body created, when the stick is held by different parts of the body (hand, neck ,knee, elbow) during body movements or difficulties with rotation (not during "slow turn") |
| $\leftrightarrow$ | - Small or medium throw and catch |


| 1. | $\nearrow$ or $\downarrow$ | Throw $\nearrow$ or catch $\downarrow$ in combination with the following criteria: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\wedge$ | Jump or leap |
|  | $\theta$ | Rotation element |
|  | $\%$ | Under the leg |
|  | $\bigcirc$ | Passing through (for rope and for hoop) |
|  | 区 | Outside of visual control during the throw/catch |
|  | \# | Without the help of the hands during the throw/catch |
|  | $\downarrow$ | Direct catch in a roll |
|  | $\downarrow$ | Direct re-throw/ re-bound |
|  | Q | Direct catch in rotation (hoop) |
|  | $\downarrow$ | Catch the ball with one hand |
|  |  | Catch on the floor without help of the hands |
| 2. | $\theta$ | Rotation element + apparatus handling |
|  | Examples: | $\rightarrow$ (for rope and for hoop) or 600 $000^{\text {01 }}$ (for ball), or $\infty$ (for clubs) or $\square$ 6 M for ribbon or |
| 3. | Combinations | Handling with 2 different criteria to get credit |
|  | Examples: | $(风 \neq)$ |

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS
TABLES OF SYMBOLS
JUMPS/LEAPS - BALANCES - PIVOTS
2018

| 1. SYMBOLS OF JUMPS - LEAPS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { SPECIAL } \\ \text { OLYMPICS } \\ 0.40 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 |  | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $180^{\circ}$ <br> Jump with free leg stretched in horizontal position of Arabesque |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 180^{\circ} \\ & \text { Jump with free leg in } \\ & \text { horizontal position of Attitude } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| «Cabriole» backwards |  | «Cabriole» backwards or with turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jump with arch |  | Jump with arch, with turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more) |  |  |  |  |
| "Scissors" leaps with switch of legs forward at horizontal; also above horizontal, take-off leg high up, whole foot higher than head, or with switch of legs backward (at horizontal) | (whole foot hiaher than head) | "Scissors" leaps with switch of legs above horizontal, take-off leg high up, whole foot higher than head, or with switch of legs backward (at horizontal), with ring |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Pike jump |  |  |  | Cossack, straight leg to the side high up, whole foot higher than head, with support (Zhukova) and with turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more) |
| Cossack, straight leg forward, at horizontal | Cossack, straight leg forward, high up, whole foot higher than head | Cossack, straight leg forward, at horizontal, with turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more) | Cossack, straight leg forward, high up, whole foot higher than head with turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more) | $180^{\circ}$ <br> Cossack, straight leg forward, at horizontal, with turn ( $180^{\circ}$ or more), and trunk forward | Cossack, straight leg to the side high up, whole foot higher than head. | Cossack, straight leg to the side high up, whole foot higher than head and with turn ( $18 \mathbf{0}^{\circ}$ or more) |


| Ring with one leg, take off with 1 or 2 feet |  | $180^{\circ}$ <br> Ring with one leg, take off with 1 or 2 feet, with turn ( $18 \mathbf{0}^{\circ}$ or more) | Ring with both legs |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Split leap | $\xrightarrow{2}$ <br> Split leap with ring | (Zr) Split leap with ring take-off and landing on the same foot (Zaripova) | 0 <br> Split leap with back bend of the trunk | $2$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> One Difficulty 2 successive split leaps with change of take-off foot |  |
|  | Split leap, take-off from 2 feet | Split leap, take-off from 2 feet with ring | Split leap, take-off from 2 feet, with back bend of the trunk |  |  | 2 or more successive split leaps with change of takeoff foot |
|  |  | Split leap with turn | Split leap with turn and with ring | Split leap with turn and back bent of the trunk |  |  |


|  |  | Switch split leap (passing with stretched legs) | Switch split leap passing with stretched legs (with ring) | Switch split leap (passing with stretched legs) and back bent of the trunk |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Switch split leap (passing with bent leg) |  | Switch split leap, passing with bent leg and back bent of the trunk |  |  |
|  | Side split leap, take- off from 1 foot | Side split leap, take- off from 2 feet. During the flight, trunk position close to horizontal | Switch side split leap (passing with bent leg) | Switch side split leap passing with stretched egs) |  |  |
|  | Side split leap, take- off from 2 feet |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stag leap, take off from 1-2 feet | Stag leap, take off from 1-2 feet, with ring | Stag leap, take off from 1-2 feet, with back bend of the trunk | Stag leap, take off from 1. 2 feet , with turn | $180^{\circ}$ <br> Stag leap, take off from 1-2 feet, with ring and turn | Stag leap, take off from 1-2 feet, with turn and back bend of the trunk |  |
|  | Switch Stag leap (passing with bent leg) | 与 <br> Switch Stag leap (passing with straight leg) | Switch Stag leap with back bent of the trunk (passing with bent leg) |  |  |  |


|  | $\mu$ <br> Fouetté (landing on a take-off foot), with one leg | Fouetté (landing on a take-off foot), with ring with one or both legs | Fouetté split leap | Fouetté split leap, with ring | Fouetté split leap, with back bend of the trunk |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fouetté stag leap | Fouetté stag leap with ring | Fouetté stag leap with back bend of the trunk |  | « Revoltade » passing one leg stretched over the other | Butterfly (free leg passing through the position close to horizontal, take-off leg passing through horizontal. During the flight, trunk position close to horizontal or below horizontal) |
|  |  |  |  | "Entrelace" in split | "Entrelacé" in split with ring | "Entrelacé" in split with back bent of the trunk |
|  |  | Turning Stag leap | Turning Stag leap with ring | Turning Stag leap with back bent of the trunk |  |  |
|  |  |  | Turning split leap (Jeté en tournant) |  | Turning split leap (Jeté en tournant) with back bent of the trunk | Switch Turning split leap ( Switch Jeté en tournant) |

## 2. SYMBOLS OF BALANCES

## Balances on the foot

| SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.20 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.40 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | $\begin{gathered} \text { SPECIAL } \\ \text { OLYMPICS } \\ 0.60 \end{gathered}$ | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | $\begin{gathered} \text { SPECIAL } \\ \text { OLYMPICS } \\ 0.60 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| backward, below horizontal, trunk bent backward |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Passé front or side (horizontal position) | Forward: free leg horizontal bent |  |  <br> Forward: free leg horizontal straight with the trunk back at the horizontal position |  |  |  |
| ? <br> Passé front (horizontal position) with bend of the upper back and shoulders | Forward: free leg horizontal straight | Forward: free leg horizontal straight (with change of gymnasts level) (supporting leg bending progressively) |  |  |  |  |
|  | Split with hand support | Split without hand support | Split with hand support and trunk backward at horizontal | Split without hand support and trunk backward at horizontal |  |  |


|  | Side: Free leg horizontal | Side: Free leg horizontal and trunk side at horizontal |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Split with hand support | Split without hand support | Split with hand support and trunk side at horizontal | Split without hand support and trunk side at horizontal |  |  |
|  | Arabesque: free leg horizontal | Arabesque: free leg at horizontal with trunk forward | Arabesque: free leg at horizontal with trunk backward at horizontal |  |  |  |
|  |  | Arabesque: free leg back in split with hand support | Arabesque: free leg back in split without hand support | Arabesque: free leg back in split with trunk forward at horizontal with hand support | Arabesque: free leg back in split with trunk forward below the horizontal | Arabesque: free leg back in split with trunk forward at horizontal |
|  |  | Ring with hand support | Ring without hand support | Ring with split and trunk forward at the horizontal |  |  |
|  |  |  | Attitude with trunk bent backward |  |  |  |





## 3. SYMBOLS OF PIVOTS

| Rotations on the foot |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { SPECIAL } \\ \text { OLYMPICS } \\ 0.20 \end{gathered}$ | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.40 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS 0.60 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Free leg backward, trunk bent backward |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| "Passé" forward with bend of the upper back and shoulders |  |  |  |  |  |  |



|  | Arabesque: free leg horizontal | Arabesque: free leg horizontal and trunk horizontal | Arabesque: free leg horizontal and trunk backwards |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Split with support, trunk horizontal | Split without support, trunk horizontal |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Penché: body bent at the horizontal or below, leg in back split, rotation on flat foot | Penché: body bent at the horizontal or below, leg in back split (ring), rotation on flat foot |  |
|  | Attitude |  |  | Ring without support |  |  |



## Rotations on other parts of the body



Panel layout configuration (from FIG Rhythmic Gymnastics Code of Points - Tables of Body Difficulties):
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