

Adult Gymnastics British Championships 2019

Acrobatic Competition Structure

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Foreword

The Adult Gymnastics British Championships is open to anyone aged 18 and over regardless of experience or ability, with the opportunity to socialise and compete.

The event creates a fun and relaxed atmosphere where competitors can meet like-minded people whilst showcasing their gymnastics skills to one another.

Competition entry for the Adult Gymnastics British Championships is in accordance with BG entry to competition policy which is based on coaching qualifications.

Regions/Home Nations remain entitled to determine the criteria for entry in their own Regional events using the Adult Gymnastics British Championships framework, however, competition regulations for the Adult Gymnastics British Championships will be published annually in the British Gymnastics National Competition Handbook.

The Acrobatic Technical Committee is pleased to present the Adult Gymnastics British Championships Rules and Tables of Difficulty for 2019.

1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Entry Instructions

All entries are to be made via a BG registered club using the online entry system on the GymNET portal. Only club secretaries and coaches who have been granted the correct entry permissions will be able to submit an entry. An online entry guide can be found <u>here.</u>

For support or assistance with your entry please contact the Events department on 0345 129 7129 ext. 2396 or at events@british-gymnastics.org

1.2 Age Bonus

All competitors will be given a bonus of 0.1 per five years over 20 years of age. No age bonus is given to 18, 19 & 20 year olds.

A competitors' age will be calculated as the age reached in the year of the competition. The age bonus will be added to the <u>total</u> score.

Age	18-	25-	30-	35-	40-	45-	50-	55-	60-	65-	70-
	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	74
Age bonus	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0

1.3 Scoring

The score is used in determining the rankings of competitors and the score is determined by adding together:

- The average mark for Technical merit, which is then multiplied by two. This has a maximum score of 20.0 (Execution or E score)
- The average mark for Artistic merit which has a maximum score of 10.0 (Artistry or A score)
- The Difficulty Value of Grades is calculated as shown in section 5 (Difficulty).

Penalties are taken from the Total Score by the Chair of the Judging Panel (CJP) and the Difficulty Judge (DJ) in accordance with the current FIG Code of Points.

E score + A score + D score = Total Score – Penalties = Final Score

If four technical and four artistry judges are used, the average is determined by eliminating the high score and the low score and taking the average of the middle two scores. If only three technical and three artistry judges are used, the average is determined by taking the average of all three scores.

For all competitions, the execution and artistry of performances are each evaluated from 0 - 10.0 to an accuracy of 0.001.

Final Score = Total Score + Age Bonus – Penalties

1.4 Teams

- A minimum of one pair + one group + one other partnership
- A maximum of two groups + three pairs
- The highest three execution scores + age bonus' = final team score
- Non-British citizens competing as guests can form part of a team, but the team will not be eligible to rank in the official competition results
- All gymnasts within the team must be members of clubs from the same region
- Competitors can only represent one team
- Mixed gender teams are encouraged

1.5 Apparatus Specification

The competition apparatus will be as per FIG with the exception of extra 10cm mats being allowed in warm-up.

2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

This document should be read in conjunction with the Tables of Difficulty (Appendix F).

2.1 Competition Categories

Competitors may only compete in each category once i.e. a female competitor may enter Women's Pair, Mixed Pair and Women's Group, however, they can only be represented in one partnership per category.

The Acro competition consists of five categories covering one level of competition:

1. Men's Pair - Two male competitors

- 2. Women's Pair Two female competitors
- 3. Mixed Pair One male competitor (male must be base) and one female competitor
- 4. Men's Group-Four male competitors
- 5. Women's Group- Three female competitors

2.2 Tie Breaks

Ties will not be broken.

2.3 Height Deductions

There will be no height deductions.

2.4 Length of Exercises

All exercises have a maximum duration of 2 minutes 30 seconds. There is no stipulated minimum. There is a 2" (second) tolerance before the automatic overtime of exercise penalty is applied. The first note of the music or move made by one or more competitors from their starting position is considered as the beginning of the exercise. The end of an exercise must be a static position and not an element of difficulty. The timing of the exercise continues until the last movement of the gymnast(s). Difficulty and Special Requirements are given to elements performed after the music has ended.

2.6 Musical Accompaniment

All exercises are performed to music, one exercise may be performed to music with words, with respect to the FIG code of Ethics. If this is the case the coach must highlight on the appropriate tariff sheet which routine uses words.

All music used in competition routines must conform to the relevant licensing requirements. Details may be found <u>here</u>

Certain tracks belonging to Disney, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Cirque du Soleil can be used but this should be checked on the PPL website to confirm the track is included within their repertoire.

All music must be uploaded via the BG website in line with the timeframes set out in the Competition Handbook. Late submission of music will incur a financial penalty.

3.0 JUDGING

All exercises are judged for technical merit, in accordance with the current FIG Code of Points.

A tolerance of 0.5 for Prelims and 0.3 for Finals will remain.

The following provides a summary of the judges' deductions:

A penalty of 1.0 is applied:

- For physical assistance by the coach (CJP)
- For each missing pair element, a Special Requirement penalty is applied (DJ)
- For each missing individual element, a Special Requirement penalty is applied (DJ)
- For performance of a forbidden element. This penalty is applied for each violation, even if the performed element is not declared on the tariff sheet (DJ)
- A fall (EJ)

A penalty of 0.5 is applied:

- When poor sportsmanship in the field of play is exhibited (CJP)
- Music Infringements (CJP)
- Each time a gymnast lands 2 feet outside the boundary (CJP)
- When forbidden or immodest attire is worn (CJP)
- Markings on the floor or presence of a coach (CJP)
- Serious technical faults (EJ)

A penalty of 0.3 is applied:

- Re-start of exercise without justification (CJP)
- Failure to present to the judges at start or end of exercise (CJP)
- Starting before or ending before/after the music (CJP)
- Coaching from the sidelines (CJP)
- When elements are not performed in order on Tariff Sheet (DJ)
- For each second missing of a 3 (") second static element (DJ)
- For each second missing of a 2 (") second individual element (DJ)
- Significant technical faults (EJ)

A penalty of 0.1 is applied:

- For each second over 2 minutes and 30 seconds following a 2 second tolerance (CJP)
- Each time a gymnast steps over the boundary line (CJP)
- Each time the attire is adjusted or an accessory is lost (CJP)
- Verbal coaching by partner (CJP)
- Small technical faults (EJ)

In addition, the DJ can take the following penalties:

- Any Element started and not completed = no Difficulty and no Special Requirement credit given
- Any static Pair/Group element held less than 1 second = 0.9 time faults + no Difficulty and no Special Requirement credit given

• Any static Individual element held less than 1 second = 0.6 time faults + no Difficulty and no Special Requirement credit given

All exercises are judged for Artistic merit, in accordance with the current FIG Code of Points (see Appendix B for artistry judging sheet adapted for NDP9).

The minimum Artistry score is 5.00 and the maximum Artistry score is 10.00.

Descriptions of the Artistry criteria:

- Partnership (Maximum 2.0) Partnership selection that creates a logical relationship between individuals in pair or groups that is characterised by a visible connection
- Expression (Maximum 2.0)- Making the audience understand your thoughts or feelings, character, attitude. Gymnasts convey a particular emotion
- Performance (Maximum 2.0) The act, process or art of performing by using amplitude, space, pathway, levels and synchronisation
- Creativity (Maximum 2.0) Display imagination, originality, inventiveness, inspiration, Variation in: composition, entries / exits, elements
- Musicality (Maximum 2.0) Gymnasts express the music throughout the performance:
 - Match movement and form to the rhythm, melody and mood of the music being played
 - Synchronise with music beats
 - Vary the magnitude or speed / tempo of movements with music
 - Use expressive movements that are influenced by melody, variations in rhythm and mood or combinations of these

4.0 COMPOSITION OF EXERCISES

All competitors are required to perform two routines:

- Balance routine
 - For Pairs, a balance routine must contain 5 Balance Pair elements each with a minimum of a 3 second hold
 - For Groups, a balance routine must contain 3 different pyramids each containing a minimum of a 3 second hold
- Dynamic routine
 - For Pairs and Groups a dynamic routine must contain 5 Dynamic Pair/Group elements

In addition to the pair/group elements required, each competitor must perform the required number of individual elements in each routine:

- Balance Individuals
 - In a balance routine, competitors should perform 3 individual elements. One element should be from each of the following categories in the Tables of Difficulty: Agility, Flexibility or Static/Strength (held for 2 seconds).

All partners do not need to perform individuals from the same difficulty box in the Tables of Difficulty.

- Dynamic routine
 - In a Dynamic routine, competitors must choose to perform one individual from the tumble boxes in the Tables of Difficulty.

Again, all partners do not need to perform the same individual or from the same box.

4.1 General Rules

- The drawings in the NDP Tables of Difficulty are only a guide to the general shape of elements
- Elements should be selected to show optimum variety
- Elements may be performed with minor stylistic variation from the element pictured in the NDP Tables of Difficulty and are not considered as different elements
- Elements from different rows may be linked where the NDP Tables of Difficulty allow
- No element can be repeated in a grade and claimed for Difficulty and/or Special Requirements
- Only elements declared for difficulty need to be shown on the Tariff Sheet
- If a different element is performed to that declared on the Tariff Sheet then no difficulty will be given and a 0.3 deduction for incorrect tariff sheet will be taken but the element will count for special requirements
- Entries and exists to elements are optional unless specified in the Tables of Difficulty

4.2 General Clarifications

- When a lever is stated in the element descriptions it may be performed in either a straddle or pike lever position. There is no need to identify the specific leg position on the tariff sheet
- A handstand may be performed with legs either apart or together in all positions of handstand in both pair and group balance and dynamic elements. There is no need to identify the specific leg position on the tariff sheet
- The directions of handstands during balances are optional unless stated in the element descriptions
- Motions to sit or splits are optional unless stated otherwise in the in the NDP Tables of Difficulty
- In sitting the Base's legs may be together or in straddle unless stated otherwise in the element descriptions

4.3 General Restrictions

- It is forbidden for women pairs and women's groups to work on the back of the neck (except where there are two points of support) or top of the head
- Men may not perform Mexican or ring handstands
- A catch to wrap (i.e. legs astride the hips of the base) may only be performed with straight legs and is forbidden for men
- In mixed pairs the base must always be the male

• Landings must be supported for all dynamic elements unless otherwise stated in the in the NDP Tables of Difficulty

4.4 General Special Requirements

- Each pair/group box in the Tables of Difficulty counts as one element
- All pair/group balance elements must be held for a minimum of 3 (") seconds unless otherwise stated in the NDP Tables of Difficulty
- When a mount or a motion is declared for difficulty credit, the final position must be held for 3 seconds
- Individual elements with a static hold ('Stand') must be unsupported by partners to be considered for difficulty value. These elements must be held for 2 (") seconds
- Each partner of a pair or group must perform a maximum of three individual elements, one from each row, from Tables of Difficulty
- All partners do not need to perform the same individual but they must perform individuals from the same row either simultaneously or in immediate succession, but they cannot overlap. E.g. back-walkover cut to splits, then a hold in splits, counts as one element, not two separate elements

5.0 DIFFICULTY

Each element chosen from the Tables of Difficulty has a stated Difficulty Value, which is used to determine the overall Difficulty Value of the exercise. There is no minimum requirement for difficulty and any element can be selected in line with rules for exercise construction. The difficulty of each element is calculated according to the column in which it falls in the Tables of Difficulty.

The values of the pair/group elements performed are added together to provide the total difficulty for the exercise.

Individual Elements are not used in calculating the difficulty value of the exercise, although they must be performed to meet Special Requirements.

The difficulty value of the exercise is converted to a difficulty score by dividing the difficulty value by 10.

APPENDIX A - Competition Attire, Accessories and Aids

The choice of competition attire, accessories and aids must be gymnastic in character and design. Attire must be elegant and complement the artistry of an exercise. It should not divert attention from the performance of the gymnasts nor require adjustment during an exercise.

- Partners must wear identical or complementary attire
- Leotards may be with or without sleeves, but dance style leotards with narrow straps are not allowed
- Leotards with skirts will not be allowed at Adult Gymnastics British Championships
- Men may compete in leotards with gymnastic shorts or long gymnastic trousers. One-piece suits/unitards are allowed
- The competitive attire should respect the gender of the gymnast in design
- Very dark color legs of trousers, unitards or tights are allowed only if the whole length of color on the legs is broken from the hip to the ankle by light colored decoration or pattern. The breaking must be simple and not overdone. The length and type of the fabric covering the legs must be identical on both legs. Only the decoration may be different.
- For safety reasons, loose clothing, raised attachments and accessories are not allowed. All attire for men and women must be close fitting to allow the judges to properly evaluate body lines
- All attire must be modest including the use of proper undergarments. The cut of the leg of leotards must not go above the iliac crest (hipbone). The neckline must be no further down than half the sternum in the front, or below the lower line of the shoulder blades in the back. Lace and transparent material on the torso must be fully lined
- Provocative, swimsuit, character outfits and photographs in the design are forbidden
- Competitors may perform with or without footwear which must be flesh color or white, clean and in good repair. For men, when they wear trousers, footwear (gym shoes, socks) must be worn
- Jewellery, including earrings and studs, necklaces, rings, bracelets, anklets, nose and navel studs, is not allowed
- Sequins, stones, cummerbunds, and lace must be either integrated into the fabric of the competition attire or attached securely, but any injury occurring as a consequence is the responsibility of the coach and athlete
- Hair clips, slides, bands and ribbons, if worn, must be secure. Character hair accessories (e.g. tiaras, feathers and flowers) are not allowed
- Face painting is not allowed; any make-up must be modest and not portray a theatrical character (animal or human)
- Equipment, such as belts or head-rolls to aid execution of elements, is not allowed
- Taping and support bandages must be of neutral color

APPENDIX B - Tariff Sheets

A tariff sheet is an illustration of the pair, group and individual elements to be performed in the exercise and is required at all levels of competition.

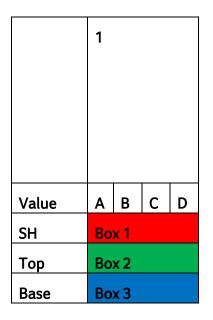
- Elements must include the Row and Value as indicated in the Tables of Difficulty
- All elements to be performed must be included on the tariff sheet in the order of performance (if the elements are out of order, a penalty is applied only one time per exercise)
- The intended timing of all static holds, including individual elements must be declared
- In instances when the illustration and the reference are not consistent on the tariff sheet the illustration will be taken as the correct declaration of the element
- Where an element performed is not the declared pictorial form, providing the new element is from the same row it will receive <u>no value</u> although will count towards Special Requirements
- Each missing element will incur a penalty of 1.0 for Special Requirements and a further deduction of the maximum element value for the respective row. Time faults will also be applied
- It is the responsibility of the coach to prepare and ensure that the tariff sheets are correct
- All tariff sheets must be submitted on the morning of the competition
- Elements need to be either copied and pasted from the Tables of Difficulty or hand drawn together with the Row/ID number and value. All difficulties together with the total exercise difficulty need to be entered into the tariff sheet and the overall exercise difficulty should be calculated automatically

Guidelines for Completing Adult Gymnastics British Championships Tariff Sheets

To ensure the tariff sheets are completed correctly, the following instructions should be followed:

Balance and Dynamic

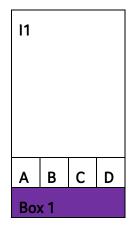
- Box 1: Row identification of the Balance element from the Tables of Difficulty
- Difficulty Value (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5) to be placed in box Value A
- Box 2: Row identification of the Dynamic element from the Tables of Difficulty
- Difficulty Value (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5) to be placed in box Value B
- Box 3: not used.



Please note: For all static holds the timing of the hold (1 or 3 seconds) must be indicated alongside the pictorial representation of the element.

Individual Elements

- **Box 1**: Category/ID number of individual element from Tables of Difficulty.
- Difficulty Value to be placed in box
- Value A and B for each individual in the Pair
- Value A, B and C for each individual in the Women's Group
- Value A, B, C and D for each individual in the Men's Group



Please note: The number of gymnasts performing the element and which members of the partnership are performing the individual element must be indicated alongside the pictorial representation of the element. For a stand the time of the hold 2 seconds must also be indicated.

ARTISTRY TABLE NDP9							
Criteria	Unacceptable 1.0 -1.1	Poor 1.2-1.3	Satisfactory 1.4-1.5	Good 1.6-1.7	Very Good 1.8 – 1.9	Excellent 2.0	
Partnership							
There must be a logical relationship and connection between the partnership, which should have the ability to touch the audience.							
Expression							
The pair/group must demonstrate the ability to project the emotion of the music to the audience throughout.							
Performance							
Movements must flow and be performed with amplitude, and synchronicity using the maximum amount of space and floor possible.							
Creativity							
Choreography must demonstrate imagination, originality in composition and in entries /exits.							
Musicality							
The music must be expressed through the gymnasts' performance throughout in terms of structure, rhythm and theme of the exercise.							
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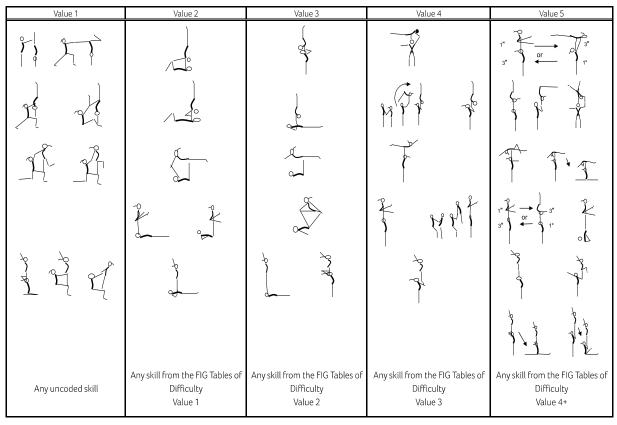
APPENDIX C – Artistry Judging Sheet

Reference Range of Artistic Score:

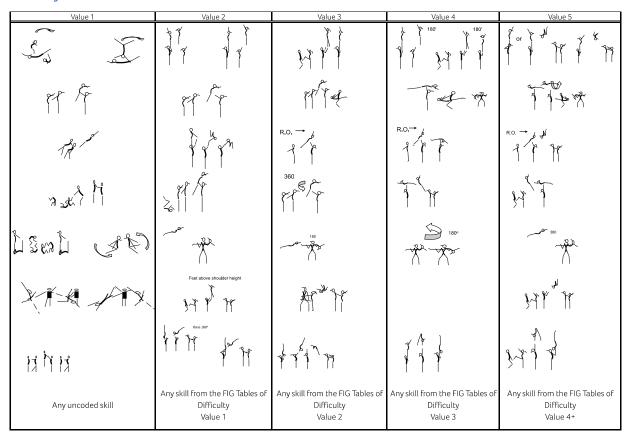
- Excellent routines Score between 9.6 to 10
- Very good routines Score between 9.0 to 9.5
- Good routines Score between 8.0 to 8.9
- Satisfactory routines Score between 7.0 to 7.9
- Poor routines
 Score between 6.0 to 6.9
- Unacceptable routines Score between 5.0 to 5.9

APPENDIX D - TABLES OF DIFFICULTY

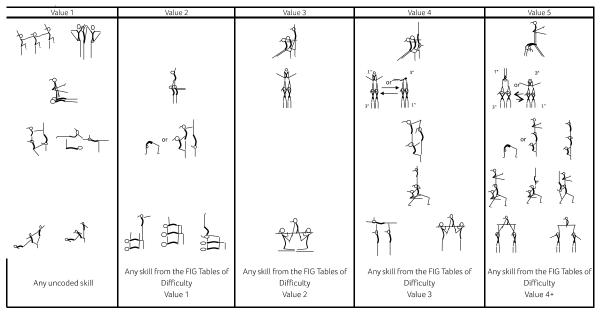
Pair Balance Elements



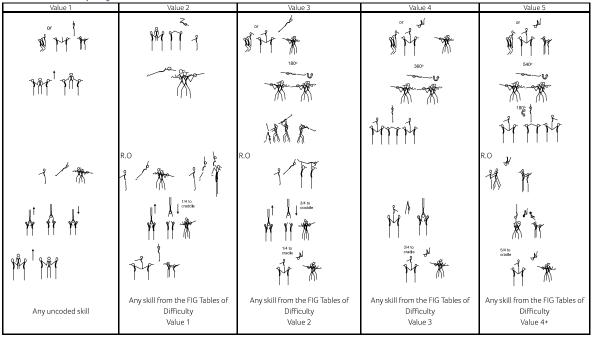
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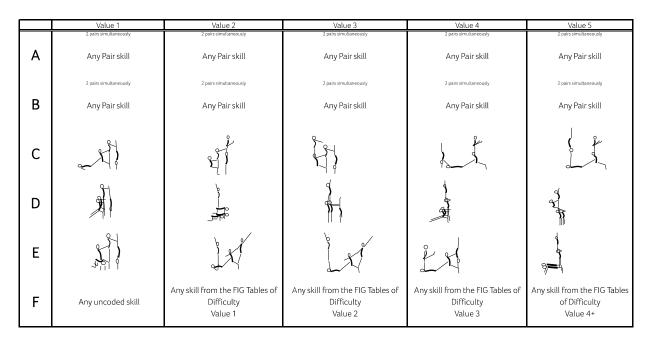
Women's Group Balance Elements



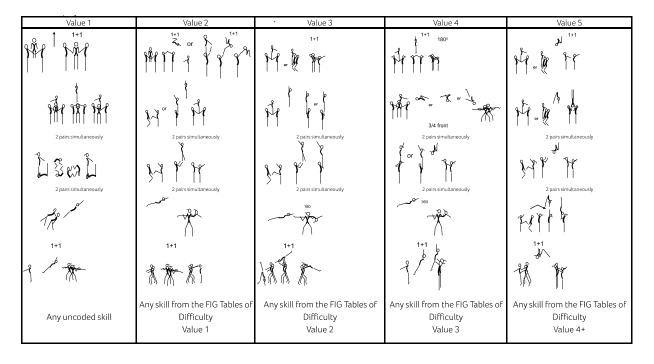
Women's Group Dynamic Elements



Men's Group Balance Elements



Men's Group Dynamic Elements



Individual Elements

	Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4	Value 5
	i) Japana	i) Bridge	i) Bridge with one Leg Raised	i) One Arm Walkover Forward	i0 Backward Walkover to Splits
Flexibility	ii) Pike Fold	ii) Any Splits	ii) Backward Walkover	ii) One Arm Walkover Backward	ii) Forward Walkover to Splits
xibi		iii) From Standing Drop Back to Bridge	iii) Forward Walkover	iii) Healy Turn	iii) Elbow Walkover to Splits
Ē			iv) Valdez	iv) 360° Jump to any Splits	iv) One Arm Valdez
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		Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4+
	i) Front Support	i) Headstand	i) Pike Lever	i) Russian Lever	i) Handstand 540°+ Turn
	ii) Back Support	ii) Arabesque	ii) Straddle Lever	ii) Handstand 360° Turn	ii) Needlescale
Stand	iii) One Foot Stand iv) V-Sit	iii) Handstand	iii) Handstand 180° Turn	iii) Chest Balance	iii) Straddle Press to Handstand Hold
Sta	iv) v-Sit		iv) Wine Glass	iv) Crocodile	iv) Splits pull up to Handstand
				v) Tuck Top Planche	v) One Arm Crocodile
				vi) Flic to Headstamd	vi) Top Planche
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		Value 1	Value 2	Value 3	Value 4+
	i) Forward Roll to Straddle Sit	i) Forward Roll to Straddle Stand	i) Backward Roll to Handstand	i) Headspring to Stand	i) Headspring to Knee
	ii) Forward Roll to Stand	ii) Backward Roll with Straight Legs to	ii) Flic Walkout	ii) Flic to Knee	ii) Handspring to Knee
	iii) Backward Roll to Straddle Stand	Stand	iii) Handspring	iii) Flic to Splits	iii) Headspring 180o Turn to Front Support
≥	iv) Backward Roll to Stand	iii) Forward Roll Straddle through to	iv) Flyspring	iv) Free Cartwheel to Stand or Knee	iv) Any Front or Back Salto to Knee
Agility		Front iv) Handstand Forward Roll to Stand		v) Free Walkover to Stand or Knee	v) Any Front or Back Salto to Splits
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	i) Forward Roll Straight Jump	i) Forward Roll Jump to 1 Leg Cartwheel	i) Roundoff Flic	i) Roundoff Two Flics	i) Front Walkout Roundoff Salto (Any
	ii) Backward Roll Straight Jump	ii) Cartwheel, Chasse, Roundoff, Jump	ii) Handspring to One Roundoff Flic	ii) Front Salto Walkout Roundoff Flic	Shape)
Tumble	iii) Forward Roll 180° Jump	iii) Round Off, Stretch Jump, Backward	iii) Two Handsprings		ii) Handspring Front Salto (Any Shape)
	iv) Cartwheel Chasse Cartwheel	Roll			iii) Roundoff Back Salto (Any Shape)
		iv) Round Off, 1/2 Turn, Cartwheel			iv) Roundoff Flic Back Salto (Any Shape)
		v) Round Off, 1/2 Turn Roundoff			
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