



Changes after the World Championships 2016 – Code of Points Freeze until 2020 –

The following changes in the IRV Code of Points will take effect internationally as from 01.01.2017 and will remain valid up to and including the World Championships in 2020.

The IRV would like to remind national federations that they are free to choose how and when these regulations are implemented on a national level.

These changes will be incorporated into the existing Code of Points and published as a new version as soon as possible.

I. Spiral

1. Introduction of R moves in spiral

There will no longer be a separate risk bonus in the spiral discipline. The risk bonus moves have been reviewed and will be counted as R moves with their own value.

Difficulty values in spiral:

A = 0.2
B = 0.4
C = 0.6
D = 0.8
R = 1.0

The 8 highest difficulty values in a routine will be counted towards the difficulty score.

2. Changes in difficulty values

The following changes will be made to the Spiral Difficulty Catalogue.

B move (downgraded from previous C2a.1 und D2a.2):

- B5: All moves consisting of an element combination that includes a pike forwards together with an A or B element.

C moves (either NEW or downgraded):

- New categorisation of the small spiral according to upper/lower rim
- C2a: All moves consisting of an element combination that includes a pike backwards together with an A element (previously C2a, but now without the option of performing a pike forwards)
- NEW – C21a)
Side front support on the upper rim (with legs together)

- C21c) Low side splits on the upper rim (previously D20c)

D moves (NEW or downgraded):

- D1a: All moves that consist of an element combination that includes a pike backwards together with a B element (previously D1a, but now without the option of performing a pike forwards)
- D4a: Moves consisting of an element combination that includes a jumped handstand, whereby the jumped handstand is performed in the second wheel rotation
- D 20c): One-armed low side splits on the upper rim

- R moves (NEW):

- old D1a – new R1a
- old D2b – new R2a
- old D3a – new R3a, with changes in the description
- R4a (NEW): Moves consisting of an element combination that includes a jumped handstand, whereby the jumped handstand is performed in the first wheel rotation
- old D7d – new R5a
- old R10 – new R5b
- old D7i – new R5c
- old D7j – new R5d
- old D8a – new R6a
- old D20d – new R20a
- old D21b – new R21a
- old D23a – new R30a
- old D24a – new R31a
- old D24b – new R31b

3. Changes to the general regulations in spiral

After an interruption in the routine (e.g. fall, help from the coach ...), the gymnast is permitted to re-apply magnesium/chalk. In order to do this, the gymnast is permitted to leave the competition area and safety zone as long as the 30-second rule is not exceeded. The gymnast must not drop any magnesium/chalk onto the floor in the competition area.

II. Straight-line

1. Changes to the general regulations in straight-line

- After an interruption in the routine (e.g. fall, help from the coach ...), the gymnast is permitted to re-apply magnesium/chalk. In order to do this, the gymnast is permitted to leave the competition area and safety zone as long as the 30-second rule is not exceeded. The gymnast must not drop any magnesium/chalk onto the floor in the competition area.
- It is not permitted to change wheel during the routine (exception: technical fault). If the gymnast tries to change the wheel, he/she will not be allowed to continue.
- The rules for resuming a straight-line routine with or without music after a fall will be described in more detail in the Code of Points. The difficulty judges will only start counting the difficulty again after the gymnast has reached an upper phase without the help of a coach. **Upper phase difficulty elements that are performed independently by the gymnast, but only after the coach has helped the gymnast into position, will no longer be counted.**

2. New elements

4 new elements that were submitted before the 31 October deadline are currently being evaluated and will be announced in January.

III. Straight-line with music

1. Choice of music and musical technical factors

The following changes are valid with regard to the choice of music for straight-line routines with music:

2.5.4.1. Choice of music and musical technical factors

When selecting a piece of music, it is the responsibility of every gymnast to make sure that the choice of music is appropriate for a competition and preserves the seriousness of wheel gymnastics. If this is not the case, the competition management has the right to exclude the gymnast from the competition.

Gymnasts should consider the following factors when making their music selection:

- The gymnast must choose instrumental music, whereby the use of a voice is permitted (without words and text).
- It is permitted to use music with special sound effects and noises, as long as the seriousness of the competition is preserved.
- Applause (clapping) as part of the music is not permitted.

In order to avoid a possible exclusion from the competition, it is possible to submit a piece of music to the IRV in advance in order to have it checked and approved. This is not necessary in the case of purely instrumental music. If a gymnast uses a piece of music with voices or other special sound effects and does not get it approved by the IRV, there will always be a risk that the music is not accepted by the judging panel and the gymnast might receive a low music score.

Deductions for choice of music and musical technical factors

The music judges can make the following deductions:

- Use of music that brings into question the seriousness of the sport → Exclusion from the competition
- Entire music with sung text and/or speech → 2.0 (fixed)
- Use of sound effects and other noises that are inappropriate for the competition → 0.5 – 1.0
- Use of music where parts of the music contain sung text and/or speech → 0.5 (fixed)
- Use of applause (clapping) in the music → 0.5 (fixed)
- The music is faded out manually → 1.0 (fixed)
- Clearly audible cuts in the music → 0.1 – 0.2 (each occurrence)
- Gaps in the music (more than 2 seconds) → 0.2 (each)
- Bad sound quality (e.g. noise disturbance or similar) → 0.1 – 0.5

IV. Vault

1. Difficulty

The following vaults will receive a new difficulty value:

- D3: Straddle sitting, overswing – new difficulty value 1.3
- D4: Front lying, overswing – new difficulty value 1.0

The bonus points for additional twists will be as follows:

- For somersaults (no change):

½ twist	0.5
full twist	1.2
1½ twist	2.0
each additional ½ twist	1.0
- All other vaults (no change):

½ twist	0.2
full twist	0.6
1½ twist	1.0
each additional ½ twist	0.5
- **NEW: Overswings will be counted as “other vaults” and will no longer have a separate category.**
- For Gainer back somersaults: full twist 2.2

(This bonus was introduced for the world championships 2016 and will continue to be valid during the Freeze period.)

2. Recognition of twists

In the case of vaults with an additional twist in the flight phase, the gymnast must fully complete the twist in order for the twist bonus to be given. A margin of error of up to 30° is permitted (judged by the landing position of the feet) and will incur a minor deduction. This means that if a gymnast announces a somersault with 1½ twist (= 540°), but does not achieve at least 510° before landing, the difficulty judge will only award the bonus for a full twist (= 360°). Deductions for execution will also apply.

3. Checking the wheel size

If there is no official checking of wheel size in a vault competition (i.e. every gymnast/wheel is checked before entering the competition area), it is the responsibility of the head judge to check the wheel size if he/she feels it is necessary. The head judge can ask to check the wheel size either before the first vault, or immediately after the first vault (NEW). [NB: It is not possible for the head judge to ask to check the wheel size after the second vault.]

If the wheel size is checked before the first vault and the wheel proves to be too big/small, the gymnast is permitted to change the wheel and perform both vaults over a correctly sized wheel. In this case, no deductions will be made.

If the wheel size is checked after the first vault and the wheel proves to be too big/small, the gymnast is permitted to change the wheel and perform the second vault over a correctly sized wheel. In this case, the following deductions will apply for the first vault:

- Vault over a wheel that is too small = 0.5 fixed deduction (in addition to execution deductions)
- Vault over a wheel that is too big = invalid vault (= score 0.0)

4. NEW fixed deductions

4.1 Wheel rolls into the landing mat:

- **0.8 fixed deduction** (NEW) if the gymnast is still in contact with the wheel and the wheel rolls into the landing mat such that the rolling movement is severely impaired and the wheel slows down considerably before the gymnast thrusts from the wheel and enters into the flight phase. This is in contrast to a fixed 0.2 deduction (unchanged) if the gymnast is still in contact with the wheel and the wheel “touches” the mat without any noticeable effect on the rolling movement. Judges can deduct either 0.8 or 0.2 for the wheel rolling into the mat before the flight phase. [NB: There is no deduction if the wheel rolls into the mat after the gymnast has thrust away from the wheel.]

4.2 Front somersault with half twist:

- **0.8 fixed deduction** (NEW) if the gymnast performs a forward somersault with a half twist whereby he/she does not lose sight of the floor during the flight phase (i.e. the gymnast performs the half twist in the first half of the somersault = barani). This deduction replaces the previous 0.5 fixed deduction for a “twist initiated before the gymnast is upside down in somersaults with ½ twist”. Other execution deductions are made additionally.

4.3 Overswing vault with minimum full twist:

- **0.5 fixed deduction** (NEW) if the gymnast performs an overswing with at least a full twist and is still in contact with the wheel (usually with only one arm) after the first half twist has been completed. This 0.5 fixed deduction will apply in addition to other execution deductions. I.e. this deduction will be made in addition to the fixed 0.5 deduction for “twist started before thrust from wheel”. [NB: In this case, where more than 180° of the twist is carried out while the gymnast is still in contact with the wheel, the following fixed deductions will apply: 0.5 + 0.5]