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ACROBATIC GYMNASTICS
TECHNICAL UPDATE
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(Note: this Technical Update replaces the version dated 2/24/2020, and sections highlighted reflect changes in the documents.)

Updates and clarifications outlined below are effective immediately.

- **Repetition of Top Positions:** Remember to check for repetition of top positions (balance) elements in all levels.
 - Maximum 2 of the same top position are allowed as static holds and 2 of the same top position may be used during the motion of the base.
 - For Levels 7 and 8: tuck, pike, straddle, croc, handstand are all considered different top positions in terms of repetition.
 - For Levels 9 and above, a pike and straddle are considered the same top position. Please refer to page 12 in the FIG Tables of Difficulty, positions in the same box are considered the same top position.
 - In a pyramid with two tops working, if the middle and top perform the same position at the same time, then it counts as ONE performance of that position. Otherwise, it will count as two performances.

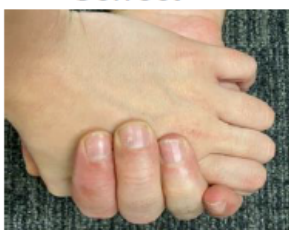
Example: Women's group

Base on the floor, middle is in straddle on hands, top in handstand on legs hold for 3". Both tops press, one presses down to straddle hold, the other presses up to handstand for 3". Next pyramid is column with top holding straddle for 3".

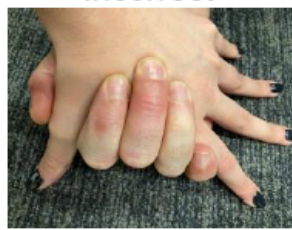
In the example above, there are three straddles being performed and the third performance will lose difficulty and special requirement credit.

- **Level 4 pair skill D3:** The video does not match the Code of Points. The base transitioning from knees to standing is optional. Either skill can be performed for credit.
- **NEW Clarification on Grip Position:** In base position where the hand or foot of the base are on the floor, the top must grip only the hand or foot and NOT touch the floor. Otherwise, a penalty of 0.5 for additional support will be applied to ALL levels, JO and Elite.

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As a reminder, for uploading a tariff, save the file using the nomenclature as follows:

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- Club Name
- Pair/Group ID and Routine Abbreviation
- Level and Event
- Last Name Top, Middle, Base
- Revision of tariff sheet

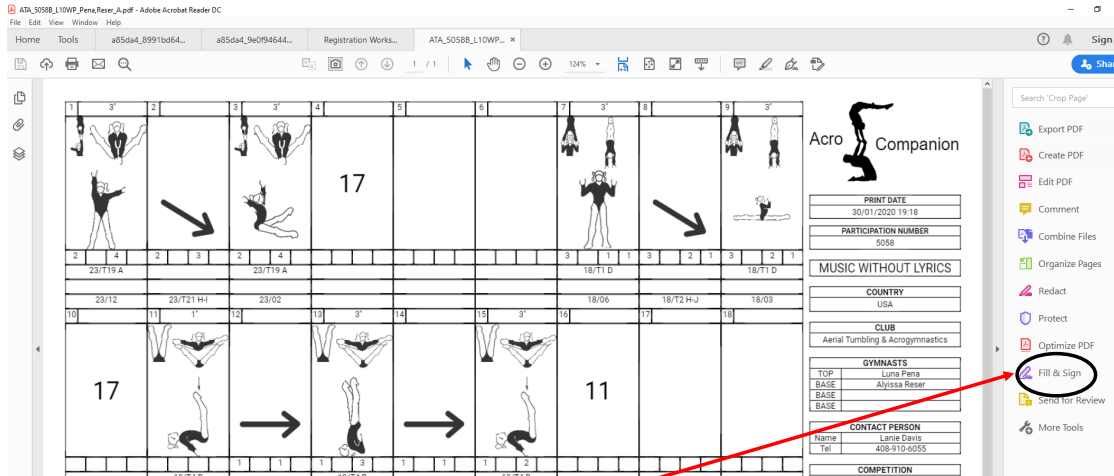
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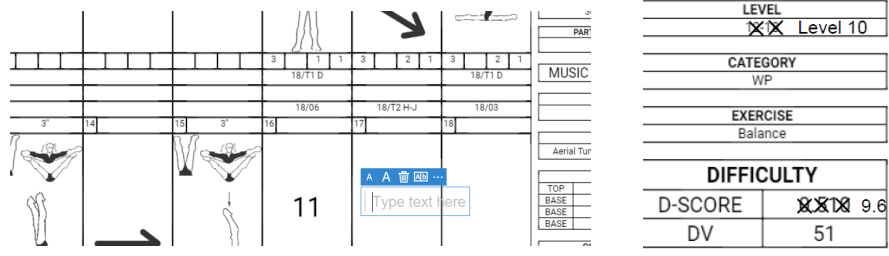
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- **Tariff Sheet Revisions:** If tariff sheet revisions are made, coaches **MUST** email the meet referee for their next meet to ensure the correct version of the tariff sheet is checked and used at competition. This is the coach's responsibility to notify the meet referee of new tariff version loads to OTSM.
- **Tariff Sheets – Acro Companion:**
 - If using Acro Companion for L9/10, you **MUST** create text boxes and correct the final difficulty and pair/group level on each tariff according to USA difficulty charts. **These edits can only be done after saving to your computer and before uploading to the OTSM.**
 - For all FIG levels:11-16, 12-18, 13-19 and Seniors; the use of Acro Companion is preferred as all values/ID's are automatically populated with the skill as well as the total values/scores. The Bonus system is currently being used by USA and not by FIG, **bonus values must be added after saving to your computer and before uploading to the OTSM.**

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