



# FAQ, EXPLANATIONS & SITUATIONS

## TRAMPOLINE GYMNASTICS

### Preface

The purpose of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), Explanations & Situations origination is the flexible collection and presentation of common experience, improvement of unification of understanding, interpretation and application of the FIG rules (FIG Technical Regulations, FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points, etc.) and solving of various situations at the Trampoline Gymnastics competitions during the Olympic cycle 2005-2008.

The FAQ, Explanations & Situations knowledge should be applied with regard to particular circumstances and with respect to the right / duty of Chair of Judges Panel to make the final decision in all cases of dispute on the rules interpretation (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics' Guide to Judging - 1. Rule interpretation*).

If different interpretation of the FIG rules has been applied in the past, the application of FAQ, Explanations & Situations knowledge and unification of interpretation of the FIG rules should be applied at current and future Trampoline Gymnastics competitions. In any case, the National Federations are free to alter the parts of rules for domestic competitions under their authority (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - Preface*).

The Frequently Asked Questions, Explanations & Situations will be continuously updated during the current Olympic cycle.

The following FIG documents should be read in conjunction with Frequently Asked Questions, Explanations & Situations:

- FIG Technical Regulations 2007, Section 1 - General Regulations
- FIG Technical Regulations 2007, Section 4 - Special Regulations Trampoline Gymnastics
- FIG Code of Points Trampoline Gymnastics 2005-2008 (current version 060831)
- FIG Guide to Judging to the current Code of Points Trampoline Gymnastics (current version 060831)
- FIG Rules for Advertising & Publicity (current version 2004)

and/or their updated versions.

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### Abbreviations

|     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| FIG | International Gymnastics Federation |
| TRA | Trampoline                          |
| TUM | Tumbling                            |
| DMT | Double Mini-Trampoline              |

## Part I - Frequently Asked Questions

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: What competitions constitute the FIG events in the Trampoline Gymnastics?**

The FIG events are the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Games, World Cup competition, World Cup Finals and special events created by the FIG, e.g. the FIG International Age Groups Competition (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - Abbreviations and definitions*).

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: Are side somersaults allowed in the Trampoline Gymnastics?**

Side somersaults are allowed at the Tumbling competitions only. No side somersaults are allowed at the Trampoline and Double Mini-Trampoline competitions (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics' Code of Points - 18. Scoring*).

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: How are team members selected and the starting order decided for the Team Final at the World Championships?**

The selection of the 3 competing gymnasts is at the national federation's discretion and has to be done at least one hour prior to the Team Final. The starting order of the gymnasts in the team is the same as in the Qualifying Round. The first gymnast from the team in 5<sup>th</sup> place starts first, followed by the first gymnast from the team in 4<sup>th</sup> place, etc. (*see FIG Technical Regulations, Section 4 - 4.3 Programme*).

Consequently the federations participating in the Team Final have to hand in the respective competition cards before the final begins, at the time and place specified by the organising committee (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics' Code of Points - 7. Competition Cards*).

### **TRA: Are male / female mixed pairs allowed at Trampoline synchronised competitions?**

No, male / female mixed pairs are not allowed at the standard Trampoline synchronised competitions (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 3. Synchronised Competition*).

On the other hand the national federations are free to alter parts of the Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points for domestic competitions under their authority if considered necessary, in order to further develop Trampoline Gymnastics within their country (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics' Code of Points - Preface*).

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: What will happen, if the Judge for Difficulty finds errors on the competition card prior to the start of the competition in Trampoline Gymnastics?**

In any case, all errors, missing requirements on the competition card are the gymnast's own responsibility. If it happens before the competition begins, the Judge for Difficulty can inform the



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gymnast, the coach or delegation official, enabling for immediate correction(s) (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 7. Competition Cards & 22. Duties of the Judges for Difficulty*).

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: How is the national identity presented at competitions in Trampoline Gymnastics?**

All competitors representing their country or national federation who participate in competition must wear the national emblem or the federation emblem on their competition attire as identification of their country. The only exception is if the entire uniform is designed in the national colours and portrays clearly the national identity.

This identification can be in the form of a badge (sewn on) the name of the country or federation written out in full or abbreviated, or in the form of a crest in their national colours on the leotard or singlet.

The emblems may appear as follows:

- Men's singlet : anywhere on the breast/sternum area according to good design and taste
- Women's leotard: sternum, breast or on either sleeve.

The badge / emblem / crest of the country or gymnastics federation may not exceed the maximum overall area of 80 sq. cm and minimum overall area of 30 sp. cm.

(*see FIG Rules for Advertising & Publicity - Section 1 - 3.8 National Emblem or Federation Emblem*)

Consequently, the same emblem (national identity presentation) must be worn uniformly by all members of team or synchronised pair.

At FIG events: If the national/federation emblem is not worn, or does not adhere to the appropriate FIG regulation, a penalty of 0.1 points will be deducted from the total score of any of the routines/passes where the violation occurred. (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 6. Dress for Gymnasts and Spotters & 20. Duties of the Chair of Judges Panel*)

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: What will happen, if the spotter violates the dress requirements in Trampoline Gymnastics?**

The Chair of the Judges Panel can remove him / her off the competition area. Especially the following are not accepted: sandals, jeans, slippers, shorts, Bermudas, shirts, caps, glasses on the head, etc. This can be applied for both the official and own spotters. (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 6. Dress for Gymnasts and Spotters & 20. Duties of the Chair of Judges Panel*).

### **TRA: Do the Judges for Synchronisation evaluate also the differences during each element (e.g. if both gymnasts in the pair do the opening at the same time) at the Trampoline synchronised competitions?**

No, the Judges for Synchronisation evaluate the landing differences in each landing in a routine only. They are also subtracting the deduction for different out-bounce or standing still after the 10<sup>th</sup> element from the maximum mark on the instruction of the Chair of Judges Panel (*see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 24. Duties of the Judges for Synchronisation*).

### **TRA, TUM, DMT: Are there any reserve gymnasts / pairs / teams allowed for the Finals in Trampoline Gymnastics?**

Yes. If a gymnast or pair has to withdraw from the Final in competitions under FIG authority because of injury or illness, the next placed gymnast / pair from the Qualifying Round will be allowed to start in the Final. Even if the reserve gymnasts / pairs were published, the priority will be



given to the next placed gymnast / pair from the affected country, if he / it was ranked before the published reserve in the Qualifying Round. (see FIG Technical Regulations - Section 4 - Reg. 1 Principles for the Competition Programme).

**TRA, TUM, DMT: When is the twist (1/2 twist) considered as a completed element in Trampoline Gymnastics?**

For the decision on how many 1/2 twists the gymnast has completed the Judges are looking at the position of the feet at landing. Feet rotation of more than 1/4 twist (90°) is considered a 1/2 twist, feet rotation of more than 3/4 twist (270°) is considered a 1/1 twist, etc. (see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 18. Scoring)

**TRA, TUM, DMT: Can earrings be worn in Trampoline Gymnastics, if they are taped?**

No, only the rings without gemstones may be worn if they are taped. (see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 6. Dress for Gymnasts and Spotters)

## Part II - EXPLANATIONS

### Elements with counting difficulty in the first routine

(TRA - at FIG events)

(see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 5. Routines and 7. Competition cards)

The first routine in the Qualifying Round includes 2 elements with counting difficulty.

The elements with counting difficulty must be written down with their difficulty value and marked with an asterisk (\*) in the competition card.

The difficulty of the elements performed on the positions marked by asterisk in the competition card will be added to the to the execution score for the first routine. Total score for the first routine = execution score (+ synchronisation score) + difficulty score of the elements with counting difficulty - penalties.

Note: The changes, repetitions and missing requirements / elements are subject to the respective additional deductions in the first routine.

In the second routine none of the elements already counted for difficulty in the first routine can be repeated, otherwise the difficulty of these elements will not be considered for calculation in the second routine.

**Example:**

| Competition card |             |       |           | Performed first routine |                   |    |           |
|------------------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|----|-----------|
| 1.               | 12          | --    | 1 < * 1.8 | 1.                      | 12                | -- | 1 < * 1.8 |
| 2.               | 4           | -     | /         | 2.                      | 4                 | -  | /         |
| 3.               | 4           | 1     | /         | 3.                      | 4                 | 1  | /         |
| 4.               | 4           | 2     |           | 4.                      | 4                 | 2  |           |
| 5.               | 4           | 3     |           | 5.                      | 4                 | 3  |           |
| 6.               | 4           | -     | <         | 6.                      | 4                 | -  | <         |
| 7.               | 4           | -     | o         | 7.                      | 4                 | -  | o         |
| 8.               | 4           | 1     | <         | 8.                      | 4                 | 1  | <         |
| 9.               | 4           | 4     |           | 9.                      | 4                 | 4  |           |
| 10.              | 12          | 1 - 1 | < * 1.9   | 10.                     | 8                 | -- | < * 1.2   |
|                  | Difficulty: |       | 3.7       |                         | Difficulty score: |    | 3.0       |



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- difficulty score 3.0 pts. will be counted for the first routine
- 12 - - 1 < and/or 8 - - < can not be repeated in the second routine otherwise the difficulty of these elements will not be counted in the second routine
- additional deduction 0.2 pts. for change to the element written in the competition card will be applied by the Judges for Execution on the instruction of the Chair of the Judges Panel in the first routine
- the changes, repetitions and missing requirements / elements are checked and notified to the Chair of the Judges Panel by the Judges for Difficulty.

### **Tie-break rules**

(TRA, TUM, DMT)

(see FIG Technical Regulations – Section 4 – Reg. 4.4 Programme)

The following tie-break rules apply in the **individual classification**:

- a) in the Qualifying Round the criteria are based on the second routine/pass :
  1. higher total score of the second routine/pass (execution score + difficulty score - penalties)
  2. higher execution score in the second routine/pass (3 middle execution judges marks)
  3. higher total of all 5 execution judges marks in the second routine/pass
  4. higher total of the 4 highest execution judges marks in the second routine/pass
  5. and so on until the tie is broken
- b) in the Finals the criteria are based on the final routine/second final pass :
  1. higher total score of the second final pass (at Tumbling and Double Mini-Trampoline competitions only) (execution score + difficulty score - penalties)
  2. higher execution score in the final routine/second final pass (3 middle execution judges marks)
  3. higher total of all 5 execution judges marks in the final routine/ second final pass
  4. higher total of the 4 highest execution judges marks in the final routine/ second final pass
  5. and so on until the tie is broken

(TRA: if the winner is decided by the overall number of points the following criteria will be used as a first step: higher total score of the final routine = execution score + difficulty score - penalties)

The following tie-break rules are applied in the **team classification**:

- a) in the Qualifying Round the criteria are based on the sum of the total scores of the second routines/passes (execution score + difficulty score - penalties) :
  1. higher sum of 3 highest total scores of the second routine/pass
  2. higher sum of 2 highest total scores of the second routine/pass
  3. higher highest total score of the second routine/pass
- b) in the Finals the criteria are based on the result of the Qualifying Round :
  1. higher ranking from the Qualifying Round

TRA: the following tie-break rules are applied in the **synchronised classification** in the Trampoline competition:

- a) in the Qualifying Round the criteria are based on the second routine and synchronisation :
  1. higher total score of the second routine (execution score + synchronisation score + difficulty score - penalties)
  2. higher score for synchronisation in the second routine (1 middle synchronisation judges mark multiplied by 2)



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3. higher total of the scores for synchronisation in the first plus second routine
- b) in the Finals the criteria are based on the synchronisation and result of the Qualifying Round :
  1. higher score for synchronisation in the final (1 middle synchronisation judges mark multiplied by 2)
  2. higher total score from the Qualifying Round
 (If the winner is decided by the overall number of points the following criteria will be used as a first step: higher total score of the final routine = execution score + synchronisation score + difficulty score - penalties)

### **Related questions:**

#### **TRA, TUM, DMT: What happens if the tie-break rules were applied and there is still tie in the Trampoline Gymnastics?**

If all prescribed tie-break rules were applied and there is still a tie, the gymnasts / teams / pairs will obtain the same ranking.

#### **TRA, TUM, DMT: What tie-break criteria will be applied if the winner is decided by the overall number of points (first + second + final routine) and there is a tie?**

The following criteria will be used as the first step:

TRA Individual: The gymnast with the higher final score of the final routine (execution score + difficulty score - penalties).

TUM, DMT individual: The gymnast with the higher total score of the second final pass (execution score + difficulty score - penalties).

TRA synchronised: The pair with the higher total score of the final routine (execution score + synchronisation score + difficulty score - penalties).

TRA, TUM, DMT teams: The team with the higher ranking from the Qualifying Round.

#### **TRA: What will be the ranking if there are 2 gymnasts with the equal total score after the Qualifying Round at the Trampoline Competition as follows:**

|             | qualification | second routine | execution |     |     |     |     | difficulty | penalty |      |   |     |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|---------|------|---|-----|
| - Gymnast A | 64.70         | 36.50          | ~         | 8.3 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.7        | ~       | 12.5 | ~ | 0.0 |
| - Gymnast B | 64.70         | 36.50          | ~         | 8.4 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.0 | 7.9        | ~       | 12.5 | ~ | 0.3 |

Gymnast B will be ranked ahead of Gymnast A (he / she have the higher tie-break rules result in the second step):

|  | A     | B            |
|--|-------|--------------|
| 1. total score of the second routine                                   | 36.50 | 36.50        |
| 2. execution score in the second routine                               | 24.00 | <b>24.30</b> |
| 3. total of all 5 execution judges marks in the second routine         | 40.00 | 40.60        |
| 4. total of the 4 highest execution judges marks in the second routine | 32.30 | 32.70        |
| 5. total of the 3 highest execution judges marks in the second routine | 24.40 | 24.70        |
| 6. total of the 2 highest execution judges marks in the second routine | 16.40 | 16.60        |
| 7. highest execution judges mark in the second routine                 | 8.30  | 8.40         |



## **Un-sportsmanlike behaviour and disqualification**

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*(see FIG Technical Regulations - Section 1 - Reg. 5 Gymnasts & Control of Gymnasts)*

In the event of un-sportsmanlike conduct by any competitor or official, the Chair of Judges Panel and/or Superior Jury, and/or the official FIG Representative, will issue a warning. He will inform the Head of Delegation at the end of the round as to any warning so issued.

In the event of repeated misconduct, the Chair of Judges Panel and/or Superior Jury, and/or the official FIG Representative, may order the expulsion of the offender from the competition hall for the remainder of the competition. An incident resulting in expulsion must be reported to the Secretary General and to the offender's Federation. Further action may be taken as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee or Disciplinary Commission.

Dressing and undressing during competitions and warm-up periods in the designated competition area, is judged as an un-sportsmanlike gesture and may result in disqualification of the competitor from that competition.

If a gymnast, pair or team leaves the competition without being able to present a medical certificate from the Organiser's official doctor, the gymnast, pair or the team will be disqualified and the results obtained annulled.

In such cases, the position is attributed to the gymnast, pair or team occupying the following place.

*(see FIG Technical Regulations - Section 1 - Reg. 10 Awards)*

A gymnast, pair or a team who is absent at the Awards Ceremony with unjustified reason will be disqualified.

*(see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 6 Dress for Gymnasts and Spotters)*

Any violation of dress requirements for Male Gymnasts and Female Gymnasts may result in disqualification from the round / pass in which the offence occurs.

Failing to wear uniform dress will result in disqualification of the team or synchronised pair from the team or synchronised event.

## **Part III - SITUATIONS**

**TRA: Situation in the first routine of the Trampoline Individual competition – Repetition of an element on the position marked with an \*asterisk for counting difficulty**

*(see FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Code of Points - 5 Routines, 7 Competition Cards and 15 Repetition of Elements)*

Situation:

- the gymnast marked the 1st and 10<sup>th</sup> element with an \*asterisk for counting difficulty



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- the gymnasts performed the same 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> element (repetition)

| Competition card |       |     |     | Performed first routine |       |     |     |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1.               | 8 - 1 | < * | 1.3 | 1.                      | 8 - 1 | < * | 1.3 |
| 2.               | 4 -   | /   |     | 2.                      | 4 -   | /   |     |
| 3.               | 4 1   | /   |     | 3.                      | 4 1   | /   |     |
| 4.               | 4 2   |     |     | 4.                      | 4 2   |     |     |
| 5.               | 4 3   |     |     | 5.                      | 4 3   |     |     |
| 6.               | 4 -   | <   |     | 6.                      | 4 -   | <   |     |
| 7.               | 4 -   | o   |     | 7.                      | 4 -   | o   |     |
| 8.               | 4 1   | <   |     | 8.                      | 4 1   | <   |     |
| 9.               | 4 4   |     |     | 9.                      | 4 4   |     |     |
| 10.              | 8 1 1 | < * | 1.4 | 10.                     | 4 -   | o * | 0.5 |

### Outcome:

- out of 10 elements - the maximum mark 10.0 pts. will be applied
- additional deduction of 0.2 pts. for change to the element written in the competition card will be applied by the Judges for Execution on the instruction of the Chair of the Judges Panel in the first routine
- additional deduction of 1.0 pts. for repetition of an element during the first routine will be applied by the Judges for Execution on the instruction of the Chair of the Judges Panel in the first routine
- difficulty score 1.8 pts. will be counted for the first routine
- 8 - 1 < and/or 4 - o can not be repeated in the second routine otherwise the difficulty of these elements will not be counted in the second routine

### Modified situation:

- the gymnast marked the 1st and 10<sup>th</sup> element with an \*asterisk for counting difficulty
- the gymnasts performed the same 1st and 10<sup>th</sup> element (repetition)

| Competition card |       |       |     | Performed first routine |       |       |     |
|------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| 1.               | 8 - 1 | < *   | 1.3 | 1.                      | 8 - 1 | < *   | 1.3 |
|                  |       | ..... |     |                         |       | ..... |     |
| 10.              | 8 1 1 | < *   | 1.4 | 10.                     | 8 - 1 | < *   | ?   |

### Outcome:

- out of 10 elements – the maximum mark of 10.0 pts. will be applied
- additional deduction of 0.2 pts. for change to the element written in the competition card will be applied by the Judges for Execution on the instruction of the Chair of the Judges Panel in the first routine
- additional deduction of 1.0 pts. for repetition of an element during the first routine will be applied by the Judges for Execution on the instruction of the Chair of the Judges Panel in the first routine
- difficulty score 1.3 pts. will be counted for the first routine (no difficulty for the repeated 10<sup>th</sup> element)
- 8 - 1 < can not be repeated in the second routine otherwise the difficulty of this element will not be counted in the second routine