

2012 NCAA Women's Gymnastics Rules Modifications  
Questions and Clarifications  
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The following clarifications have been reviewed by D'Ann Keller and KJ Kindler, Chair of WCPC.

**1) Floor Exercise - Page 7 – 5.4, b. Bonus Connection (New):**

1. +0.1 Connection Value Bonus will be awarded to a MIXED SERIES including an ACRO/DANCE/ACRO direct connection on floor that meets the following criteria:
  - Series must include at least 2 Acro elements and one must be of a C value part.
  - The dance element must be of at least an A value and must be followed by a “salto” element of at least an A.
  - The dance element breaks the series for all other purposes.

*If the gymnast athlete performs as the last pass*

**Roundoff, back handspring - double full - an “A” jump - punch front “A” - will she receive a -.2 deduction for the missing special requirement?**

YES she would get +.1 for the CV Bonus but would lose -.2 for the missing special requirement because the last salto performed is NOT a C. It is an A and is isolated because the statement reads that the dance element breaks series for all other purposes (SR)

**2) Same rule modification - Page 7 – 5.4, b. Bonus Connection (New):**

0+.1 bonus for Connection Value Bonus for mixed series, acro/dance/acro - **Does it have to be in that order? Could it be dance/acro/acro?**

Committee response: The intent was that it MUST be an **ACRO/DANCE/ACRO only (it was not intended to be awarded “in any order”)**

The highlighted word should be clarified to mean MIXED SERIES which includes acro/dance/acro...

The last bullet should be taken IN CONTEXT –“The dance element breaks the series FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES” (meaning for special requirements, compositional requirements).

Examples:

- C Acro + A (or greater) Dance + A (or greater salto)... **double full + split jump+ punch front = +.1**
- A (or greater) Acro + A (or greater Dance) + C (or greater) Salto... **Front Pike+straddle jump+front full = +.1**

IN addition, all previous Gym/Acro bonus principles that are already in place continue to apply.

- Example: Front Rudi+shushunova (D+B = +.1)

**3) UNEVEN BARS - Page 2 – 3.1, a . Special Requirement**

**When counting a bar change: if the gymnast jumps up and grab high bar release to do a drop glide will that count as a bar change?** YES – it is element #1.106.

**ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS AS A JUDGE**

Both NAWGJ (see Code of Ethics) and the JAS Committee of the NACGC/W request “Judges avoid contact with coaches and athletes on social media networking sites during the competitive season”.

The NAWGJ Canons state:

A judge should not give any appearance, especially at a meet, of any particular friendship with any coach or competitor. A judge should exercise good judgment when using social networking media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, texting, e-mail, etc.) i.e. avoid communicating with coaches or gymnasts during, before or after a competition; or refrain from making inappropriate statements about fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, clubs or parents.