

January 26, 2012 Clarification

The following Bonus Connection has been allowed at collegiate competitions for the 2012 season: +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. Athlete performs a back 1 & ½ salto-layout ½ - straddle jump - punch front IN THE FIRST PASS · AWARD the 0.1 bonus connection because the C value salto does NOT have to be connected to the dance element. ~ The mixed series does "include" an acro/gym/acro; the series does include at least 2 acro elements (actually has 3) & meets all other criteria. The rule does NOT say the "C" acro skill must be directly connected to the dance element. The intent of this rule was to include combinations such as this. ADDITIONALLY: Can the required "D" value (within the +.5 bonus system) be a DANCE ELEMENT on floor ? Yes, the "D" element can be either Dance or Acro on Floor Exercise. Examples of skills that would qualify are cat double, triple turn, split jump with a 1 1/2 turn (540 degrees), straddle pike jump with 1 1/2 turn (540 degrees) , wolf hop/ jump with 1 1/2 turn (540 degrees), double back salto tucked, double back piked, also salto forward tucked, piked, or stretched with 1 1/2 twist (540 degrees) The .5 bonus category may be awarded a maximum of 0.4 for D/E bonus and a maximum of 0.4 CV for a total. In order to receive 0.5 maximum bonus and athlete must have CV and D/E bonus. Have a great weekend of judging! Carole Ide, National Assigner