

Level 1 and Xcel Bronze VT 1

Stretch jump; Handstand to flat back SV= L1 10.0 / XB1 9.0 SV

STRETCH JUMP SV = L1 5.0 / XB1 4.5

KICK TO HANDSTAND, FLAT BACK SV = L1 5.0 / XB1 4.5
(gymnast may step back on board to kick to hdst on board or mat stack)

Run L1 only:
horiz sp ^ 0.3
exc lean ^ 0.3

Height ^ 0.5
Arm/head align ^ 0.3
Body: ^ 0.3 arch
 ^ 0.5 pk
 ^ 0.5 tuck
Leg split ^ 0.2
feet ^ 0.1

Arms by ears ^ 0.2
Extra kick up 0.5 ea

In support:
Arms ^ 0.5
Shoulder angle ^ 0.3
Body ^ 0.3 arch
 ^ 0.5 pk
Legs ^ 0.3
Leg split ^ 0.2
feet ^ 0.1
Add'l hand steps -- 0.1 each, max 0.3
Fail to show inverted vertical pos. (roll) - 2.0
Fail to contact mat w/ both hands - 0.1 ea

Add'l jumps 0.3 ea

Dynamics ^ 0.3

Mat: min 16" max 48"
May use alternate springboard

Jump Landing --

Failure to land in demi-plie w control, proper body ^ 0.5
Land not bottom of feet first = VOID (5.0 or 4.5)
Fall after landing on feet 0.5
Coach spot on straight jump = L1 2.0/ XB 1.0
XB1 only: feet land max hip width and not close 0.05
 feet land wider than hip width, not close 0.1
 entire foot/feet slide or lift off floor to join ^ 0.1
 staggered feet ^ 0.1

Landing- while on her back

finish on straight lying position ^ 1.0
- 0.5 arched position on mat, bent legs
- 0.5 lands sitting, salutes, leaves
- 1.0 lands on feet, salutes, leaves
May take execution while falling to back if lands as above but lays down to finish

XB- NO Penalty for sliding off the end of the mat stack.

*Remember Xcel courtesy score = 4.0 when you void half of vault

BALK= running approach that does NOT come to rest/support on top of mat stack. Balk 2&3=VOID

Level 2 and Xcel Bronze VT 2

Jump to hdst, fall to flat back

Range (avg decides)	
9.5 - 10.0	0.2
9.0 - 9.475	0.5
8.0 - 8.975	0.7
below 8.0	1.0

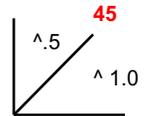
All levels: 45 sec fall time starts once gymnast on her feet...if exceeds time, no 2nd vault attempt allowed

Run L2 only:
insuf accel ^ 0.3
horiz speed ^ 0.3
excess lean ^ 0.3

Flight:
head ^ 0.1
B ^ 0.3 arch
 ^ 0.5 pk
L ^ 0.3
LS ^ 0.2
ft ^ 0.1

In support:
shoulders ^ 0.3
arms ^ 0.5 /
Head on stack - 2.0
(includes arm bend)
step 0.1 ea max 0.3
angle ^ 1.0

head ^ 0.1
B ^ 0.3 arch
 ^ 0.5 pk
L ^ 0.3
LS ^ 0.2
ft ^ 0.1



angle=body when hands hit mat, **past** the vertical

Add'l jumps 0.3 ea

Mat: mininum 16"
max height 48"
L2 - tape line 32" from front edge of mat

Post hdst, while falling to back

head ^ 0.1
Body ^ 0.3 arch
 ^ 0.5 pike
Legs ^ 0.3
Leg split ^ 0.2
feet ^ 0.1

Direction ^ 0.3
Dynamics ^ 0.3

failure to show inverted vertical pos. (roll) = ^ 2.0
failure to contact mat with both hands = 3.0
incorrect vault = VOID (never achieves vertical and returns to the board or rest/support on top of mat stack on body parts other than the back)

Coach may stand between board and mat, and lean on mat - no deduction

Vault w/o signal of CJ = 0.5 off repeated vault (CJ)

Xcel - Marking the mat stack is allowed

XB 1:

aid of coach, any phase = 1.0
 landing 0.5....max spot ded = 1.5

L2:

aid of coach before hand support = VOID
 after hand support = 2.0 landing 0.5

Landing- while on her back

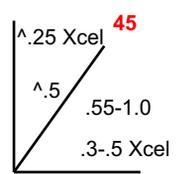
finish on straight lying position ^ 1.0
- 0.5 arched position on mat, bent legs
- 0.5 lands sitting, salutes, leaves
- 1.0 lands on feet, salutes, leaves

XB- NO Penalty for sliding off the end of the mat stack.

L2 only:

hands land beyond tape line -0.5
Staggered in/out zone -0.2

Levels 8-10 & XG,XP, XD, XA -- Optional Vaulting



angle = hands to body part furthest past the vertical when leaving the table
 L8-10 ^1.0
 XG, XP, XD ^0.5

Except Gp 3 Tsuk or Gp 5 full on- salto off

- bent legs (early tuck salto vaults) ^0.3
- shoulder angle ^0.2
- arms bent ^0.5 (except Tsuk lead arm)
- head touch 2.0 (includes arms)
- Arched (excessive) ^0.2
- step/hop hands ea 0.1, max 0.3 (hop)
- early twist (on table) ^0.5 / ^0.3 Xcel
- not achieve vertical ^0.3

Height ^0.5
Length ^0.3

- legs crossed ^0.1
- legs separation ^0.2
- legs bent ^0.3
- foot form ^0.1

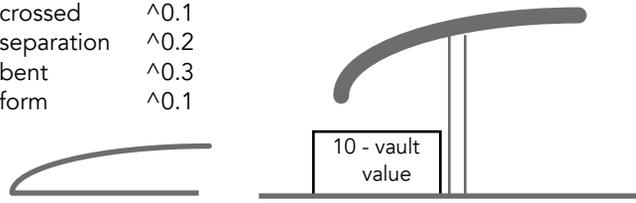
body shape –
 insuf Tuck, Pike ^0.3
 stretch – (arch or pike) ^ 0.3
 pike down of stretched ^ 0.3
 lack of opening ^0.25 absence 0.3
 (stretch prior to landing, saltos only)

Twists -
 exact twist ^0.1 (crisp)
 complete twist late ^0.3 (on mat)
 (Gps 1, 4&5 w/o salto)
 incomplete turn ^0.3
 under rotate salto 0.1

- incomplete twist ^0.3
 (1/1+ or -1/4)
- arched ^0.2
- Piked ^0.3 / ^0.2 Xcel
- legs crossed ^0.1
- legs separation ^0.2
- legs bent ^0.3
- foot form ^0.1

- staggered/alt hand ^0.1
- alt repulsion ^0.2

non-salto: too long support ^ 0.5
 ang of repulsion (L8-10) ^ 1.0
 (Xcel ^ 0.5)



One hand on table (at least 1/2 panel see) - -1.0 CJ
 No contact of hands on table = VOID
 Land standing/sitting/lying on table = VOID
 Coach between board and table -0.5 (except RO vaults)
 >> XG, XP, XD = NO deduction
 Coach aid landing -0.5 >> if also fall, additional -0.5
 Coach catching falling gymnast = fall -0.5 ONLY
 Coach aiding vault = VOID >> **XG, XP, XD = -1.0**
L8 only: coach spot **post** flight = -1.0 (salto vaults only)
 Perform vault w/o judge prior signal – take 0.5 off repeated vault (CJ)
 Either vault not on appropriate chart (restricted) = VOID
 Unauthorized matting, unauthorized spring config = 0.3 CJ
 No safety zone for RO & HdSpr-onto-bd vaults = VOID
 Use of alternate springboard = VOID **XG = 9.5 SV**
 Incorrect tape/excessive chalk on table or runway = 0.2 CJ

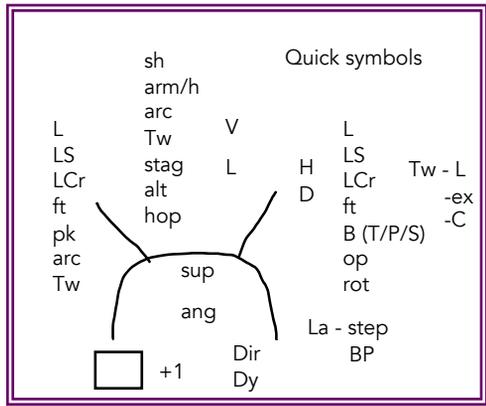
Landing
 steps each 0.1 sm/ 0.2 lg, max 0.4
 (entire foot/feet slide or lift off floor to join = sm step)
 feet land max hip width and not close 0.05
 feet land **wider** than hip width, not close 0.1
 staggered feet, small hop, adjust ^0.1
 add'l trunk movements to maintain balance ^0.2
 arm swings to maintain balance ^0.1
 body posture (upon landing) ^0.2
 squat (hips lower than knees) ^0.3
 brush/hit body on far end of table ^0.2
 brush/touch floor ^0.3 (no support)
 falls against table 0.5
 falls to hand(s)/knee(s)/hips on floor 0.5
 failure to land feet first = VOID

Balk = run approach that does NOT come to a rest or support on top of the table. 2nd /3rd balk = VOID / **0.5 Xcel**
 -- allowed 3 approaches to perform 1 OR 2 vaults

All levels: 45 sec fall time starts once gymnast on her feet...if exceeds time, no 2nd vault attempt allowed

Range -- Avg	
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below 8.0	1.0

Averages trick
 if **both w/.05** - drop .05 from high, add to low score...then avg the score
 if **one w/.05** - drop .05 out, avg score...then add .025 to average



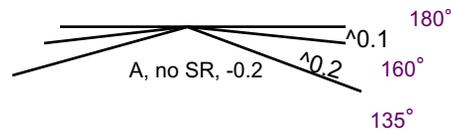
Timed warm-up – amount determined by **largest squad** in meet. Timing not includes run back/drills/run past table on runway. Start time: a mount onto table for jump/salto off table or with run/touch springboard.
 No blocked time.
 Can run on runway between vaulters (not touch equipment), but NOT in front of judges
Touch warm-up = #vaults : XG,XP = 2; XD = 3 L8-10=3
 Allow ONE stand on table to jump/salto off per gymnast before time starts, ONE run back after present to judges.

General Optional and Xcel Deductions

EXECUTION

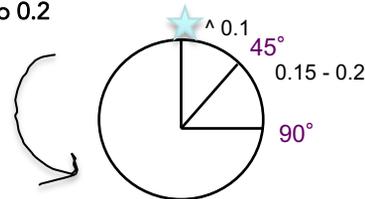
Legs: each time	crossed	up to 0.1
	separated	up to 0.2
	bent	up to 0.3
not landing with feet together in jumps/leaps		up to 0.1
flexed/sickled feet during value parts		each time 0.05
bent arms in support		up to 0.3
	(VT – up to 0.5)	
insufficient exactness tuck/pike		up to 0.2
insufficient exactness in stretched position (arch, pike >each)		up to 0.2
	VT up to 0.3 UB, BB, FX	up to 0.2
failure to maintain stretched body (pike down early)		up to 0.2
	VT up to 0.3 UB, BB, FX	up to 0.2
insufficient extension (open) of body on landing		up to 0.3
	VT saltos, UB/BB dismt, BB/FX acro	up to 0.3
Insufficient height (amplitude)		
UB elements, BB saltos/aerials, FX acro, J/L/H		up to 0.2
UB/BB salto dismounts, FX saltos		up to 0.3
UB/BB dismount of no value; FX- last salto (L8-10)	--from SV	0.3
(no value= restricted, salto not initiated, 3 rd /2 nd time no VP)		
Spotting during landing, inadvertent touch	VP, SR, no bonus,	-0.5 spot
Spotting during VP	no VP, no SR, no bonus, and	-0.5 spot
Coach catch a falling gymnast	no deduction for spot, just fall	0.5

Insufficient split (dance, non-flight acro)
up to 0.2



Insufficient turn/twist (360° example)

up to 0.2



Degree of turn within 90° of target angle to get credit, with deduction up to 0.2. If more than 90° from target angle, give credit for closest VP angle

Placement of front foot upon landing (twist) or heel drop (turn) determines angle of completion

Minimum score JO = 1.0; Xcel = 4.0

CHIEF JUDGE DEDUCTIONS (FROM AVG)

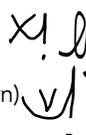
Fail to present before/after (not req'd facing judge)	each	0.1
Out of Bounds (touch outside FX boundary)	each	0.1
not marking FX boundary on add'l mats		0.1
Overtime		0.1
Exceeds warm-up time (after warning)		0.2
(perform elem on mat after fall, no warning)		
Failure to begin routine within 30 sec CJ signal		0.2
Start exercise before signal from CJ (from repeat)		0.5
Excessive use of chalk, or incorrect use of tape		0.2
Incorrect attire/jewelry	{	DP = 0.2
(after warn- take on next event; one time)		Xcel = 0.1
Unsportsmanlike conduct of gymnast (after warning)		0.2
Wearing padding (hip, heels on UB)		0.2
Coaches:		
remains between UB/ next to BB whole routine	{	DP = 0.1
		Xcel = 0.0
judge hears vocal technical cues to gymnast:		0.2
after warning, take one time per routine		
(if coach instructs what is next, no warning)		
Coach on FX during routine	{	DP 6-10 = 0.5
(move mats/ remove object ok)		Xcel = 0.0
failure to remove board after mount		0.3
failure to remove spotting device ASAP		0.3
Incorrect equipment: unauthorized matting; use hand placement mat on fwd vaults; incorrect apparatus specs; board spring config; board on unauthorized surface; landing dismt/FX salto on foam pit		0.3 ea
Absence of music on FX (not tech failure)		1.0
Short exercise – UB <5 VP== FX/BB <30 sec		2.0
Level 6 BB under 30 sec but has 10 SV		0.5
One hand touches table in vault (1/2 panel observes)		1.0

LANDING DEDUCTIONS

For VT, dismounts UB/BB, acro on FX
(FX acro allowed to finish in controlled lunge)

feet landing max hip width and do not close	0.05
feet landing wider than hip width, not close	0.1
Entire foot slide or lift off floor to join (small step)	up to 0.1
Slight hop/adjustment of feet/staggered	up to 0.1
Steps--- each: small=up to 0.1 large=up to 0.2 =>max 0.4	
Deviation from straight direction	up to 0.1
Arm swings to maintain balance	up to 0.1
Brush/touch foot/feet on mat or apparatus	up to 0.1
Brush/touch of hands on mat (no support)	up to 0.3
Incorrect body posture on landing elements/dismts	up to 0.2
Deep squat (hips even/lower than knees)	up to 0.3
Add'l trunk movements upon landing (to avoid steps)	
on dismt UB/BB, FX acro	up to 0.2
Add'l trunk movements to balance on BB	up to 0.3
Grasp apparatus to avoid fall (UB, BB)	up to 0.3
Fall on mat to knees/hips, hands with support	0.5
Fall on or against apparatus	0.5
Failure to land on bottom of feet first	no VP, no SR
>>if also no initiation of salto (dismt, last FX salto) = 0.3 SV	

Xcel Uneven Bars

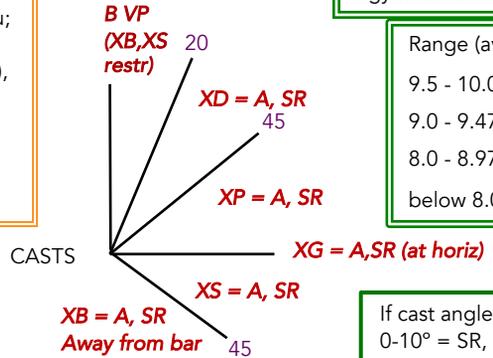
	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Sapphire (XA)
Value Parts	4 A	5A	6 A	6A 1B	5A 2B	3A 3B 1C SV 9.6
Special Reqmts 0.5 each; (#2,#3 no mt/dismt) No VP no SR	Mount LB Cast (hip off bar) 360° circle skill Dismount - LB	Mount Cast min 45° below horiz 360° circle skill Dismount	Clear support skill min horiz 360° circle skill 2 nd 360° circle skill (same or diff) Dismount - HB	Clear support skill above horiz 360° circle skill Kip Dismount - HB	Clear support skill min 45° from vertical Min B 360° circle Min B skill – release, turn, or add'l circle (same or diff) Salto/hecht dismt	Clear support skill at vertical Min B 360° circle Min B skill – release, pirouette, or diff circle Min B dismt or C skill dir conn to A salto dismt
Restricted -.5 SV, no VP no SR	No Bs + No HB skills No giants No salto dismt	No Bs + No giants No salto dismt	No Cs + No giants No release elem with bar change	No C + Except:  = B (w/o turn)	1 D allowed No E No bonus	C = +0.1 First D = +0.1 CV: B+B = +0.1 No Es
notes	No extra swing ded	No extra swing ded	No extra swing No clear hip angle ded	1 tap-centersw allowed w/o ded. = A	Extra swing deductions and angles for circles/turns apply XP, XD, XA	
Warm up	30 sec	45 sec	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:00

CLARIFICATIONS

Cast + skill = may be 2 elem if cast achieves div angle requirements,
exceptions: cast to squat/pk/str on- with or w/o jump to HB; cast shoot thru; cast to stand dismt (XB). --Not used for SR casts/clear sup and =1 element unallowable skill (below reqmts) – no VP, no SR (-0.5). If restricted (above reqmts), take add'l -.5 SV. If restricted dismount, also take 0.3 no dismt of value
 Long hand pull over = circle skill if preceded by cast (XP,XD)
 One skill can count for 2 SRs – cast hdst ½; clear hip (circle and clear elem)
 With no extra swings, remember 3rd cast does not count VP
 No composition; max 4.0 execution; courtesy score 4.0

45 sec fall time once gymnast on her feet

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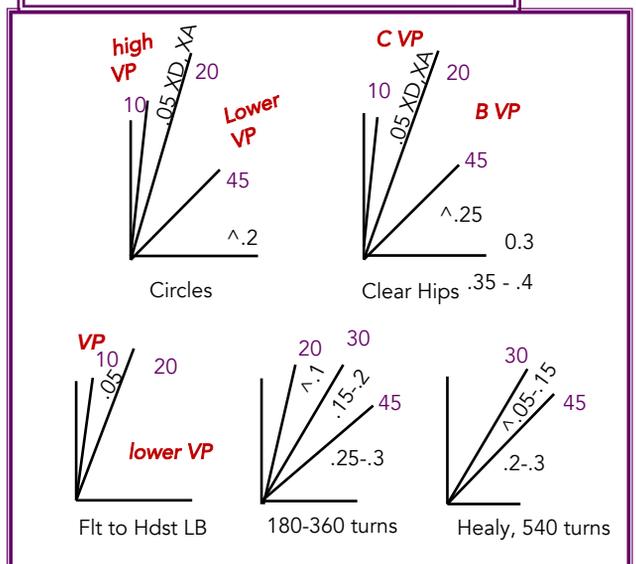


If cast angle within 0-10° = SR, 0.1 ded

APPARATUS DEDUCTIONS

dynamics (energy, swingful, effortless)	up to 0.2
rhythm in element/conn	up to 0.1
extra swing/cast (max 0.5 for 1 elem)	ea 0.3
hesitation in hdst or jump to HB	up to 0.1
fail to maintain hand contact 2-part mt	0.1
insuf extension of glide/swing to kip	up to 0.1
amplitude of bar elements, releases	up to 0.2
amplitude of salto dismounts	up to 0.3
under rotation of release/flight elem	up to 0.1
Countersw body arched, hips open over LB (on rise)	0.3
swing fwd/bwd under horiz	NO ded.
bent arms in support or bent legs	up to 0.3
insuf exact stretch (w arch or pike)	up to 0.2
incomplete turn/twist salto dismt	up to 0.2
fail to maintain stretched body in dismt (pikes down)	up to 0.2
insuf extension (open) of tk/pk prior to land	up to 0.3
lack release bar prior to landing dismt	0.3
landing too close to bars on dismt	0.1
Dismount of no value/ restricted (from SV)	0.3
brush foot on apparatus/mat	up to 0.1
hit foot on apparatus----- 0.2 on mat-----	0.3
grasp apparatus to avoid fall	0.3
third run approach	0.5
Coach between bars throughout exercise	NO PENALTY
failure to remove mount/spot block	(CJ) 0.3

Angle deductions below – XP, XD, XA only:



Xcel Balance Beam

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Sapphire (XA)
Value Parts	4 A B strad/split jump, split leap	5A B dance	6 A	6A 1B C Dance	5A 2B 1 D allowed	3A 3B 1C SV 9.6
Special Reqmts 0.5 each No VP = no SR Acro skills or series => not mt/dsmt	180° turn, 1 or 2 ft Leap/jump, any angle split Acro skill, non-flight Dismount	180° turn, 1 ft Leap/jump, 90° split Acro skill, non-flight Dismount	360° turn, 1 foot 2 diff Gp 2 elem, one w/ 120° split (iso or series) 2 acro elem, w/w/o flight, one thru vertical Dismount	360° turn, 1 foot Dance series min 2 elem Gp 1/2/3 (same/diff), -- AND-- a Leap/jump 120° split (in series or iso) Acro elem w/ flight --OR- acro series w/w/o flight (1 through vertical) Dismount	360° turn, 1 foot Dance series min 2 elem Gp 1/2/3 (same/diff) -- AND-- a Leap/jump 150° split (in series or iso) Acro Series w/w/o flight --AND- 1 acro flight elem Dismount Salto or Aerial	360° turn, 1 foot Dance series min 2 elem Gp 1/2/3 (same/diff) --AND-- Leap/jump 180° split (in series or iso) Acro Series w min 1 flight (min 1 thru vert) Dismount B dismt OR acro flt dir conn to "A" salto or aerial
Restricted -.5 SV, no VP no SR	No Bs + no salto/aerial dismount No walkovers	No B acro No Cs + No flight acro	No Cs +	No C acro No D	No Es No bonus	C = +0.1 First D = +0.1 CV: B+B = +0.1 No Es
Cross or side split >	No split angle	Split angle 90	Split angle 120	Split angle 120	Split angle 150	Split angle 180
Warm up	30 sec	45 sec	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:00
Routine	45 sec	50 sec	1:00	1:15	1:15	

CLARIFICATIONS

Leap/Jump Split angle for SR = as listed per division within 20° ; split angle for a B/C element VP = min 135, no angle ded when split reaches division reqm't
 unallowable skill (below reqmts) – no VP, no SR (-.5). If restricted (above reqmts), take exec + .5 SV, and if restricted dismount, also take 0.3 for no dismt of value
 Partial handstands and vertical handstands are considered the same element (except in XB)
 Acro skills (w/w/o ft) are different with take off or land with 1 vs 2 feet
 'A' handstands do NOT require a hold; may be used as 1st or 2nd element in a series
 XP,XD: allowed for Dance series: mount leap/jump free onto beam (1.101,1.201,1.301; XD-1.401); Gp3 turns on 1 ft
 All mounts = A (unless listed B+ in code)
 No composition; max 4.0 execution; courtesy score 4.0

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CJ Deductions

Overtime 0.1
 fail to remove mount device/spotting device 0.3
 Incorrect attire/jewelry (warning, take at next event) 0.1
 Coach instructs gymnast verbally during routine = 0.2 (no warning, judge must hear)
 --if just a cue heard, warn before taking deduction
 Coach remains by beam during whole routine =
NO PENALTY in Xcel

APPARATUS DEDUCTIONS

Incorr body alignmt, position or posture non-VP throughout	up to 0.3	B/L
relaxed/incorrect footwork in non-VP	up to 0.3	ft
variation of rhythm and tempo throughout	up to 0.2	R
insuff sureness of performance throughout	up to 0.2	sure
insuff dynamics (energy, effortless)	up to 0.2	dy
artistry of presentation	up to 0.2	art
• quality of expression- projection, focus	up to 0.1	ex
• variety of choreography	up to 0.1	ch
• quality of movement	up to 0.1	mv
rhythm during acro connection (fwd/back, fwd/side, non-flight)		
continuous body, slow, slight extend-bend knees=>	up to 0.1	
torso out of line with beam=>	.15 to 0.2	
rhythm during dance/mix conn.	up to 0.2	
height of acro/dance/saltos	ea up to 0.2	
salto dismount	up to 0.3	
Insufficient leg split in L/J (per SR, VP reqmts)	up to 0.2	
legs not parallel to beam in split/strad L/J	ea up to 0.2	
failure to land feet together in L/J (land side)	ea up to 0.1	
incomplete turn/twist	ea up to 0.2	
turns not in high relevé	ea up to 0.1	
lack of precision in VP dance	ea up to 0.1	
incorrect body position in VP dance	ea up to 0.1	
insuf exactness of tuck/pike/stretch position	up to 0.2	
hesitation in jump/press/swing to hdst	up to 0.1	
concentration pause – 2 sec = ea .1 >> more than 2 sec = ea 0.2		
support of leg against beam, hit	ea 0.2	
balance -----	up to 0.3	
grasp to prevent fall-----	0.3	
use supplement support (feet on floor or base)	0.3	
Insuf extension of body (open) prior to land	up to 0.3	
Direction of landing on dismount	0.1	
direction of gainer dismount off end	up to 0.3	
Incorrect body position landing elements/dismounts	up to 0.2	
landing too close to beam on dismt	0.1	
dismount of no value/restricted (from SV)	0.3	
third run approach	0.5	

