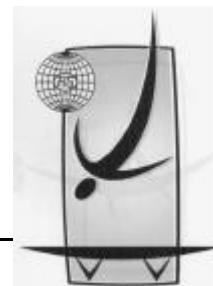


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Dear Friends,

- **The 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December 1998** were historical dates for the Trampoline family. The last meeting of the FIT Board was held on 28<sup>th</sup>, with the formal dissolution of the FIT and signing of the Final Document of Merger by the FIT and FIG Presidents.
- The **FIG Trampoline Commission Members** was confirmed by the EC as follows:  
Horst Kunze, President, - Nikolai Makarov, Vice-President, - David Ward-Hunt, Secretary, - Filipe Carvalho, - Jos Kerkhoven, - Ulf Andersson, - Emanuel Durand, (Athletes Representative), - Jay Ashmore, - John Beeton.
- **The FIG Executive Committee** has decided on principles for the new Code of Points from 2001 - 2004, which all FIG disciplines have to build into their Codes. E.g.: Reducing number of Judges, where possible. Open judging of difficulty. Evaluation of difficulty in a tabular system. Total score of a routine 2x execution plus 1x difficulty.  
The TC felt that with the current system we fulfil most of the principles set by the EC but that the new Code of Points require some harmonisation in our own disciplines. The TC Members had already began working some two month prior via e-mail, knowing that the first one day meeting could only be used to work out guidelines. These were put forward in a motion to the E.C., who accepted the motion at its March meeting in Lausanne.  
Horst and Ron Froehlich, who attended this meeting were very pleased by the warm welcome they received from the Gymnastics family.
- **Judges Courses** : Some judge's certificates will expire at the end of 1999 and these can only be renewed within the Olympic cycle i.e. 2000. Rather than expect these persons to undertake the work and expense of renewing for only one year, the TC decided (approved by the EC) that all Judges whose certificates expire in 1999 will be given an automatic extension to the end of 2000.
- World Championships, South Africa (RSA): Because a full set up of adequate equipment cannot be provided in the training hall during competition and the training conditions are very different from those usually expected, there will be a 30secs warm up on the competition apparatus prior to the Preliminaries, for each competitor.
- **Judges Objectivity**: Evaluating the work of judging panels is a FIG requirement. The TC feels that any software for Judge analysis has to be standardised and be available at all International competitions if it is to be of value. David Ward-Hunt has already contacted all suppliers of scoring programs to specify the file format for all scoring software so that the Judge Analysis can be run against any approved scoring program.
- **The Trampoline Commission** held it's first real working meeting March 27 - 30 in Moutier, Switzerland, at the headquarter of FIG. After long and detailed discussions, the TC came to the conclusion, that the best way to follow the recommendations of the E.C would be the harmonisation of Code of Points, rules of all the disciplines under the

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authority of the Trampoline Commission (TRA, SYN, TU, DMT), keeping in mind that a new system must also be used from beginner level to World Championships in all our disciplines and that it should be easy for the media and audience to follow the evaluation of scores. The TC felt this could only be done smoothly by using 3 executions scores + 1 difficulty score in all four disciplines and, because it is a vital safety aspect, also by handling the difficulty system by slight adjustment of the current mathematical system.

- **The first working draft of the New Code of points** will be ready for the Executive Committee meeting in July together with the motions to change the Technical Regulations accordingly. Hoping that the EC will agree to our principles, so that we can proceed with our work, the second draft should be ready for discussion at the Technical Symposium in Sun City, September 99. It should then be finalised by March 2000.

- **Proposals to be covered in the Code of Points 2001 and Technical Regulations:**

**General:**

- **All** our disciplines (TRA, SYN, DMT, TU) will be judged with 3 execution scores + Difficulty
- **All** Finals at World Championships will start from Zero
- **All** Team Finals with the 6 best teams from the qualification round with 3 athletes, all scores to count.
- **All** disciplines will evaluate the difficulty score using the following principles:
  - Each 1/4 somersault rotation = 0.1 pts
  - Each 1/2 twist rotation = 0.1 pts for TRA + DMT and = 0.2 pts for TU
  - Each complete somersault = + 0.1 pts e.g. 1/1 = 0.5, 2/1 = 1.0, 3/1 = 1.5

**Trampoline Synchro**

- Reduce the number of Judges to the following:

4x judges execution  
3x judges synchronised execution  
2x judges difficulty

- At World Championships entries of 2 Synchro pairs per Federation will be allowed, not exceeding the current total number of athletes

**Trampoline**

- A first voluntary routine instead of the compulsory. 5 set requirements, leaving the remaining elements and the composition of the whole routine open to the athletes choice. Judged for execution only from lower level up to International Youth Championships. For Individual Competitions at World Championships and World Cups, the remaining elements will get Difficulty value.

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## **Tumbling**

- All voluntary passes consist of 7 elements.
- The Individual Finals at World Championships and World Cups will consist of two free passes.

- **Technical Symposium:** This will be held during the World Championships in Sun City, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1999. As the first draft of the new Code of Points should be ready for the next EC meeting in July 99, the symposium is the only opportunity to discuss the second draft with the technicians from around the world. More information will go out with the invitation and agenda to this Symposium.

## **Proposed Agenda**

- 1. Code of Points 2001 - TRA, SYN, TU, DMT**
  - Harmonisation / Execution Judging TU, DMT, TRA
  - Harmonisation / Difficulty System TU, DMT, TRA
  - Requirements for Tumbling
  - Requirements 1. Voluntary / Trampoline
  - Synchro Judging / New Duties
- 2. Technical Regulations**
  - Competition Format / TRA, SYN
  - Competition Format / TU, DMT
- 3. Guide to Judging**
- 4. Miscellaneous**

With my kind regards,

**TRAMPOLINE COMMISSION**  
Horst KUNZE, *President*