

## **A GUIDE TO JUDGING:**

For each panel there is a Chair (the judge in charge), 5 form judges (they mark what it looks like, regardless of the actual skill) and for Intermediate and above there is also a tariff judge (this judge awards points for the difficulty of a voluntary routine – this is the score that is normally from 0.8 upwards).

Each competitor gets a deduction for each bounce of the routine from the form judge, from 0.0 deduction (means it was perfect) to 0.5 deduction (means it was pretty shocking). These deductions are then taken away from 10.0 (it's a ten bounce routine). If all ten bounces of the routine have a score of 0.3, the form judge would then hold up 7.0 at the end ( $10 \times 0.3 = 3.0$ ,  $10.0 - 3.0 = 7.0$ ).

Once all 5 form judges have a score, the top and bottom score are taken out (in case the judges are showing bias to their own competitors), leaving the middle 3 scores. These are then added together to give a total score. For example:

7.1   ~~7.6~~   7.3   ~~6.9~~   7.5   =  $(7.1 + 7.3 + 7.5) = 21.9$

For Intermediate and above, there is an additional score from the tariff judge, but only for the voluntary routine (2<sup>nd</sup> routine).

So, after competing both set and voluntary routines they will have 2 total scores. These two total scores are added together to give the final score.

Other deductions:

If the competitor either lands on one foot or puts a straight jump in the middle of a routine, the routine is deemed as incomplete and therefore the routine is marked up until the last correct move. So, if the competitor does a straight jump on bounce number 7, only the first 6 bounces are marked.

If the competitor completes all 10 bounces of the routine, but then lands on a 'body part' (i.e. bottom or hands and knees), 0.5 is taken off by each form judge. If the competitor completes all 10 bounces of the routine, but then touches the frame pad or end deck, 0.5 is taken off by each form judge. If, however, they complete all 10 bounces of the routine but then land on the frame pad or end deck 1.0 is taken off by each form judge.