

# **WORLD AQUATICS MANUAL FOR JUDGES, COACHES, REFEREES AND TECHNICAL CONTOLERS**

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

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### **JUDGES CATEGORIES**

In anticipation on moving on from Judges “A” and “G” category to Bronze, Silver and Gold categories, references to “A” and “G” Judges were removed. This Section will be updated in due course

### **EVALUATOR CATEGORIES**

In anticipation on moving on from Judges “A” and G” category to Bronze, Silver and Gold categories, references to Evaluators being required to be “A” Judges were removed. This section will be updated in due course

### **TECHNICAL CONTROLLERS**

Key updates in this Section are as follows:

- The position of TC coordinator was retired
- Rules regarding video review only allow for one review in slow motion
- Updated DTC/DATC chart to reflect changes to Difficulty Guide

### **BASIC POSITIONS**

A diagram for Bent Knee Arch Position was added and the order of other basic positions was rearranged to accommodate for this new addition. Bent Knee Back Layout and Bent Knee Arch Surface Arch Position were added to Height chart.

### **FIGURES**

- Three Figures in Youth category were replaced
- Deductions for new figures (3) updated

### **ACROBATICS**

Acrobatics section has been updated as follows:

- Acrobatics definitions were amended, and new definitions were added, such as Fall and Fail, Beginning Phase, Main Phase, End Phase.
- Removed Sub-groups
- Height in Platforms is determined by the height of the Featured Swimmer instead of Support Swimmer(s). Diagrams have been amended accordingly
- Heights for Lift have been amended
- Height chart for Pair Acro – Lift, Throw and Swirl is the same

- Description accompanying Acro C diagrams was slightly amended for more clarity
- A new inaccuracies table was added to replace the deduction table. Inaccuracies are small (0.25), obvious (0.5) and major (1).
- Rules for judging Acrobatics were amended
- Expanded marking scale table was amended
- A new rule of a maximum score when a Fall occurs
- Minimum score for Acrobatics is now 1 points for Acrobatics with Complete Fail, 2 points for Acrobatics with Partial Fail and maximum score of 6.75 for Acrobatics with a Fall

### **TECHNICAL REQUIRED ELEMENTS**

Changes were made to TREs for Women Duets Technical and Mixed Duet Technical

### **ARTISTIC IMPRESSION**

- Realignment of concepts
- Marking scale reconfigured to reflect the realignment.
- Transitions = execution and complexity

### **MIXED DUET FREE**

Additional / specific descriptions were added to assist with Artistic Impression

### **PENALTIES**

Penalties Table was updated

References to Penalty numbers were updated throughout to match updated Competition Regulations

### **CONDUCT DURING BEFORE/DURING AN EVENT**

Added a prohibition to film other competitors during practice