



Officials' Guidance 2017-2020 Cycle

Difficulty

Penalties:

The Difficulty Judges shall be responsible for applying the following **penalties**. These are to be recorded with the Panel Manager as a penalty and must **not** be taken from the difficulty score.

Competition cards missing asterisked required elements (SUTL 2 – SUTL ELITE) - 2.0 penalty

Missing requirements in first routine (SUTL 2 - SUTL ELITE) - 2.0 penalty

Repetition of an element in first routine (SUTL 2 - SUTL ELITE) - 2.0 penalty

Below minimum difficulty in second routine - 2.0 penalty

Above maximum difficulty in second routine – Disqualification

In the second routine, changes to the elements or the order they are performed in will not result in a penalty, however, any changes must be recorded on the competition card by the Difficulty Judges.

Interruptions:

At levels SUTL 6 - SUTL 3, any deviation in the first routine from the prescribed routines (option 1 or option 2) shall result in that routine being interrupted. The Difficulty Judges should assess when an interruption takes place and advise the Chair of Judges of the maximum mark.

FIG Notation:

Difficulty Judges should use FIG/BG notation to record the routines performed by each gymnast.

Difficulty Values:

For assistance with finding the difficulty values for skills, please see Appendix II of the SUTL Handbook for a full table of skill difficulty values.