



**Acrobatic Gymnastics  
Technical Bulletin**

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## ACR 2008 World Championships Update:

### ***World Championships and Age-Group Competition 2008 Update from FIG***

The FIG has provided the following update in their latest ACRO Newsletter published on the FIG Website.

“Despite enormous work to find a host for the 2008 World Championships, it has proved to be impossible in the months prior to the Olympic Games. As a result, the competition will not take place in June as expected.

The FIG EC has demonstrated complete support for Acrobatics by making a special exception to the calendar, to allow the World Championships to take place in the autumn. During the Executive Committee meeting held March 8-12, permission was given for British-gymnastics in collaboration with Glasgow City Council (Scotland) to organise the event, along with the World Age Group Competition, subject to contract, from September 29 – October 12. The FIG President Grandi has been given the authority to negotiate terms and details with Brian Stocks of British Gymnastics. Brian Stocks and British Gymnastics have made enormous efforts to make this project a possibility.”

The National SMC will review this announcement and its impact on scheduled events, including the conflict with the Australian Championships.

## Technical Update:

**The following decisions/amendments have been ratified by the NSMC and are effective immediately. Any items requiring clarification have been included.**

### **1. National Levels System Levels 4 – 10 2006 – 2008 (Version 2):**

#### ***Update:***

The following element is to be amended effective immediately:

- Level: 4MX2 Balance
- Page: 19
- Reference: 2C
- Text to now read: Top holds a tied-arm handstand. Base holds Top’s shoulders or arms (hold 3 sec).

### **2. Entry to Floor:**

#### ***We wish to clarify the following:***

All competitors must await the announcer to announce their names before entry to the perimeter of the floor area in preparation to walk onto the floor.

The competitors are to then wait for the CJP (Chair of Judges Panel) to signal permission to enter the floor and start their exercise.

### **3. Music Failure:**

#### ***We wish to clarify the following:***

If no skills have been attempted or performed the CJP may choose to stop the routine due to music failure.

If the music stops for what ever reason the competitors must continue their routine unless stopped by the CJP.

It is not up to individual competitors to stop and walk off the floor if their music has a malfunction ...in doing so the competitors risk NO RESTART.

The only person who can stop a routine or allow a restart is the CJP.

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### 4. Music on CD's:

Do not use re-writeable CD's (CD-RW) as not all CD players will be able to play them. Please test you CD's on more than one CD player to ensure they play correctly.

### International Event Calendar:

<b>Event:</b>	ACRO International Tournament "Winobranie" 2008
<b>Date:</b>	September, 04th – 06th 2008
<b>Int. Category:</b>	ACRO – Junior/Senior
<b>Location:</b>	ZIELONA GÓRA Poland (POL)
<b>Venue:</b>	Sport Hall of the COS PZAS MOSiR
<b>Event:</b>	Winterthur Cup 2008 (TBC)
<b>Date:</b>	October, 10th – 12th 2008
<b>Int. Category:</b>	ACRO – Junior/Senior (TBC)
<b>Location:</b>	Switzerland (SUI)
<b>Venue:</b>	
<b>Event:</b>	ACRO World Championships & Age Group Competition 2008
<b>Date:</b>	September, 29th – October 12th 2008
<b>Int. Category:</b>	ACRO – Junior/Senior (TBC)
<b>Location:</b>	GLASGOW
<b>Venue:</b>	TBA
<b>Event:</b>	Test Events World Games 2009
<b>Date:</b>	November, 01st – 02nd 2008
<b>Int. Category:</b>	Senior – ACRO TRA TUM
<b>Location:</b>	KAOHSIUNG Taipei (TPE)
<b>Venue:</b>	TBA
<b>Event:</b>	Bondarev's Cup.
<b>Date:</b>	December, 10th – 13th 2008
<b>Int. Category:</b>	Senior - ACRO & TUM
<b>Location:</b>	MINSK Belarus (BLR)
<b>Venue:</b>	TBA