**Judges Event Feedback Form**

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| **Name:** Kyle Sherrit | **Comp:** Judges Cup | **Date(s):** 11/12/17 | **Event:** |

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| **Highlights:**  **Some L5’s completed the ½ spindle bonus in 1 circle (i.e. update #3), this made the routine 1 circle shorter, potentially eliminating the chance of additional deductions** |

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| **Typical Deductions:**  **L4’s**  •A reaccuring deduction wad 0.3 for buffing the horse with their bottoms.  **L5’s**  •Some athletes staryed to performe the ½ spindle at the end of the 4th circle. This eliminated SB#1.  •The Flair do not have a deduction for legs separation anymore. This leaves the Judges the decision to personally choose the deduction for lack of extension in flairs. I decided that since 90° was the minimum distance the legs could be apart in a L6 Flair with spindle. Then anything less than 90° will be a 0.1 deduction. I decided that if the legs came together during the Flair is a 0.3 deduction.  • Many athletes had a respectable Flair, but their legs closed together in the back, giving them a 0.3 deduction for every occurance.  **L6’s**  •The Flair do not have a deduction for legs separation anymore. This leaves the Judges the decision to personally choose the deduction for lack of extension in flairs. I decided that since 90° was the minimum distance the legs could be apart in a L6 Flair with spindle. Then anything less than 90° will be a 0.1 deduction. I decided that if the legs came together during the Flair is a 0.3 deduction.  • Many athletes had a respectable Flair, but their legs closed together in the back, giving them a 0.3 deduction for every occurance.  •A Czechkehr takes 2 circles (4 handplacements, two ¼ turns per circle) to complete. A Direct stocking A takes 1 circle (2 handplacements, one ½ turn in one circle) to complete. If any athlete took an additional circle (i.e. 4 Handplacements) on the DSA, then they received a large error for not completing a DSA in 1 circle.  **L7’s**  •If the athlete is not performing any of the bonuses, then they must perform 2 back loops before the flank dismount.  **L8’s**  •All the L8’s failed to receive the ½ spindle or Russian Special Requirement. Everyone of the L8’s attempted the ½ spindle but did not complete it in 1 circle, which is what is required to receive the Special Requirement. In order to receive the Special Requirement they must complete the ½ spindle in a maximum of 2 handplacements, and it can be very be a forward reaching action to begin the circle, because everything must begin and end in front support. If the athlete reaches forward to start the spindle, then he did not finish the circle. Essentially they completed a ¼ spindle, then another ¼ spindle. |

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| **Data:**  **Cross-reference last year's judges cup reoprt** |

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| **Additional Comments:**  **I attended the JO program workshop the day after the 2016 National Championships. During the workshop, the members of the JOPC told the crowd that the L4 Special Performance Criteria will replace the Fall on the 1st circle, not add a Fall to the Special Performance Criteria. This message did not seem to get to the masses. The Pommel Judges at Regionals interpreted to add 1.0 on top of the deductions in the Special Performance Criteria. I added the 1.0 deduction to any fall in the 1st circle to every L4 that it applies to, today to be consistent. Sam has emailed Dean Dryer (JO RAL on Pommels) to see how to evaluate the Special Performance Criteria. Once we have the official word, everyone should know what to expect in the future.** |