

Subject:	USA PROPOSAL TO AMNED AE COMPETITION RULES 5.4 & 6.4.2	Annex No. -	38
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USPA would like to propose to change AE rule 5.4 to read:

5.4. Jump order of the routines must be: F – C1 – C2 - F – C1 – C2 - F (C1 = First Compulsory Routine, C2 = Second Compulsory Routine, F = Free Routine)

and also change 6.4.2 to read:

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Total scores for the events are calculated by adding Team's official scores of all completed rounds with the score for the final completed free round doubled.

Background:

Currently with very few exceptions, most artistic competitors only train one free round for competition. This means that most teams will train 3 different routines, a free routine and two different compulsory routines. However in competition they will do each compulsory routine only once and their free round 5 times.

This change makes the competition rounds athletes do more reflective of how they actually train for an event while at the same time making it less repetitive for the judges and spectators.

As a test USPA tried a similar format at our 2013 Nationals and it was well received by competitors and judges alike. The only difference was at the US Nationals we only counted the highest score of each compulsory round so that standings would be more reflective of the current weighting in the IPC rules. However competitors felt that if they were going to do the extra compulsory rounds they wanted them all to count, that is why we are submitting the rule change like this.

The doubling of the final round was also well received. All though it did not make any changes in the final standings at the US Nationals it had the potential to in one event when normally the final round usually wouldn't have that much impact. In addition in this format it keeps the number of competition jumps at 7 but gives half of the weighting in the final score to the free rounds, which seems to be a good balance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

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