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## Indoor and Outdoor rules

### **Add grip clarification and definition of foot grip for VFS**

It appears that when VFS and FS rules were combined in 2014, the definition of a foot grip as used in some VFS formations was inadvertently omitted.

(Outdoor)

#### 2.2 GRIP

Consists of stationary contact between any part of the palm side of the hand and/or fingers of one jumper, and an arm, leg or foot of another jumper as shown in 7.2. For VFS a foot grip extends to (and includes) the ankle.

(Indoor)

#### 2.2 GRIP

Consists of stationary contact between any part of the palm side of the hand and/or fingers of one competitor, and an arm, leg or foot of another jumper competitor as shown in 7.2. For VFS a foot grip extends to (and includes) the ankle.

### **Fix inconsistent wording of events and use of “open”**

Rule 6.3.5 references FS 4-way open event, but this is not mentioned elsewhere so 6.2.1 should be changed for consistency to say 4-way open FS event... and 6.3.5 should be reworded to match the events listed in 6.2.1...

#### 6.2.1

4-Way FS Open event

6.3.5 (6.3.4 indoor) ... In addition, no competitor may compete in both the FS 4-Way FS Open event and FS Female 4-Way FS Female event.

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## Updated coding used in pool diagrams

Arrows and indicators updated to include those used in the new VFS diagrams...

7.1.1

Indicates direction of turn by the subgroup



7.1.2

Indicates turn by the subgroup in either direction



7.1.3

Indicates turns by all subgroups



**ALL**

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7.1.4 a)

Indicates clarification of intent VFS



7.1.4 b)

Indicates clarification of intent FS



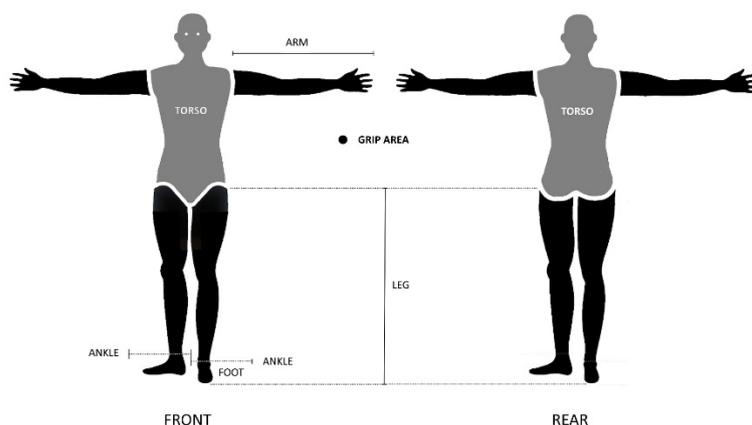
7.1.5

Indicates change of vertical orientation VFS



## Improved diagram indicating allowable grip location

### 7.2 VISUALISATION FOR GRIP POSITIONS, Ref 2.2



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## Indoor rules

### Change “jump” to “performance” (housekeeping)

There are some cases remaining in the indoor rules where the word jump is used when performance is more correct.

2.2 Grip: consists of stationary contact between any part of the palm side of the hand and/or fingers, and an arm leg or foot of another  ~~jumper~~ competitor as shown in 7.2.

4.4.1 The performance order for the first competition round of each event will be in the reverse order of the first ten placings in that event at the most recent ISC sanctioned World Indoor Parachuting Championships of the relevant Event. All teams not covered by this procedure will  ~~jump~~ perform at the beginning of the round, with their  ~~jump~~ performance order determined by a draw.

5.4

... after the  ~~jump~~ performance has been judged.

5.6

... of the score for that  ~~jump~~ performance will be deducted from the score for that  ~~jump~~ performance.

## Outdoor rules

### Fix inconsistency between indoor and outdoor rules

The following wording is in the Indoor rules, but not Outdoor, so to maintain consistency it will be included in the Outdoor rules as well...

2.13 3. If both the inter and the second formation in a block sequence are omitted, this will be considered as only one omission.

### Penalty for incorrect video resolution/frame rate (SC5)

Instead of zero, a team should receive a penalty of 20% if video is usable but not in the specified format. This change will also apply to AE, CF and WS

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## 5.2.6. (2)

..."All video equipment must deliver a High Definition 1080 type digital signal with a minimum frame rate of 50 frames per second, through a memory card. The videographer is responsible for ensuring the compatibility of the video equipment with the scoring system. Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in a ~~score of zero (0)~~ 20% score penalty (rounded down to the next whole number) for that round."

**Introduce conditional rejump in the case of an NV due to solar interference.**

Sun interference which is outside the control of teams is grounds for a re-jump but can be considered an advantage if the jump was performed in clear conditions. In this situation, offering a conditional rejump is considered the best solution. It is also considered helpful to highlight solar interference in the definition of an NV

2.15 NV: Formations, inters, or total separations not visible on screen due to meteorological conditions (such as rain, clouds, sun etc), or factors relating to the Videographer's video equipment that cannot be controlled. [Solar interference resulting in a formation or inter not being visible will constitute an NV.](#)

4.8.1 In a NV situation, the video evidence will be considered insufficient for judging purposes, and the Video Review Panel will assess the conditions and circumstances surrounding that occurrence. In this case a re-jump will be given unless the Video Review Panel determines that there has been an intentional abuse of the rules by the team, in which case no re-jump will be granted and the team's score for that jump will be zero. [If a re-jump is offered due to sun interference, the maximum score possible for the re-jump will be the initial score awarded plus any points lost due to the sun interference.](#)

sc5 5.2.6

(11)

If the Video Review Panel determines the insufficiency of the video evidence is due to weather conditions or a cause beyond the control of the team, a re-jump will be ~~given~~ [offered](#).

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### Clarification of “Same Grip” in sequential records (SC5)

After representations from a participant in a full break sequential record that having someone release a grip and the gripped person taking the grip instead constitutes a different grip, the following is to be added dispel doubt and indicate that this is considered the same grip.

(SC5 3.3.3.2):

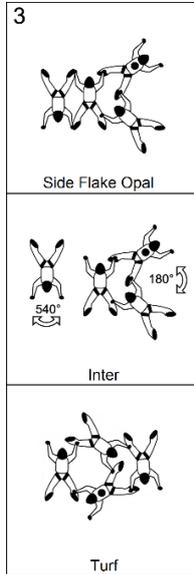
...

None of the grips may be retaken in any of the subsequent two formations in the sequence. Where a grip is on an arm or hand, it will be considered the same grip no matter which person is taking the grip.

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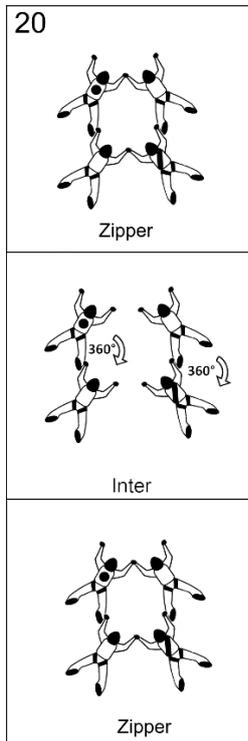
## Pool Changes

### 4-way block 3 clarification (housekeeping)



Block 3 diagram modified to make it easier to understand for those unfamiliar with the pool by adding an identifier to one of the flyers. This makes no actual change to the block but just clarifies intent.

### New 4-way FS block 20



4-way Block 20 changed from Piver-Viper to Zipper-Zipper.

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## VFS Pool Change

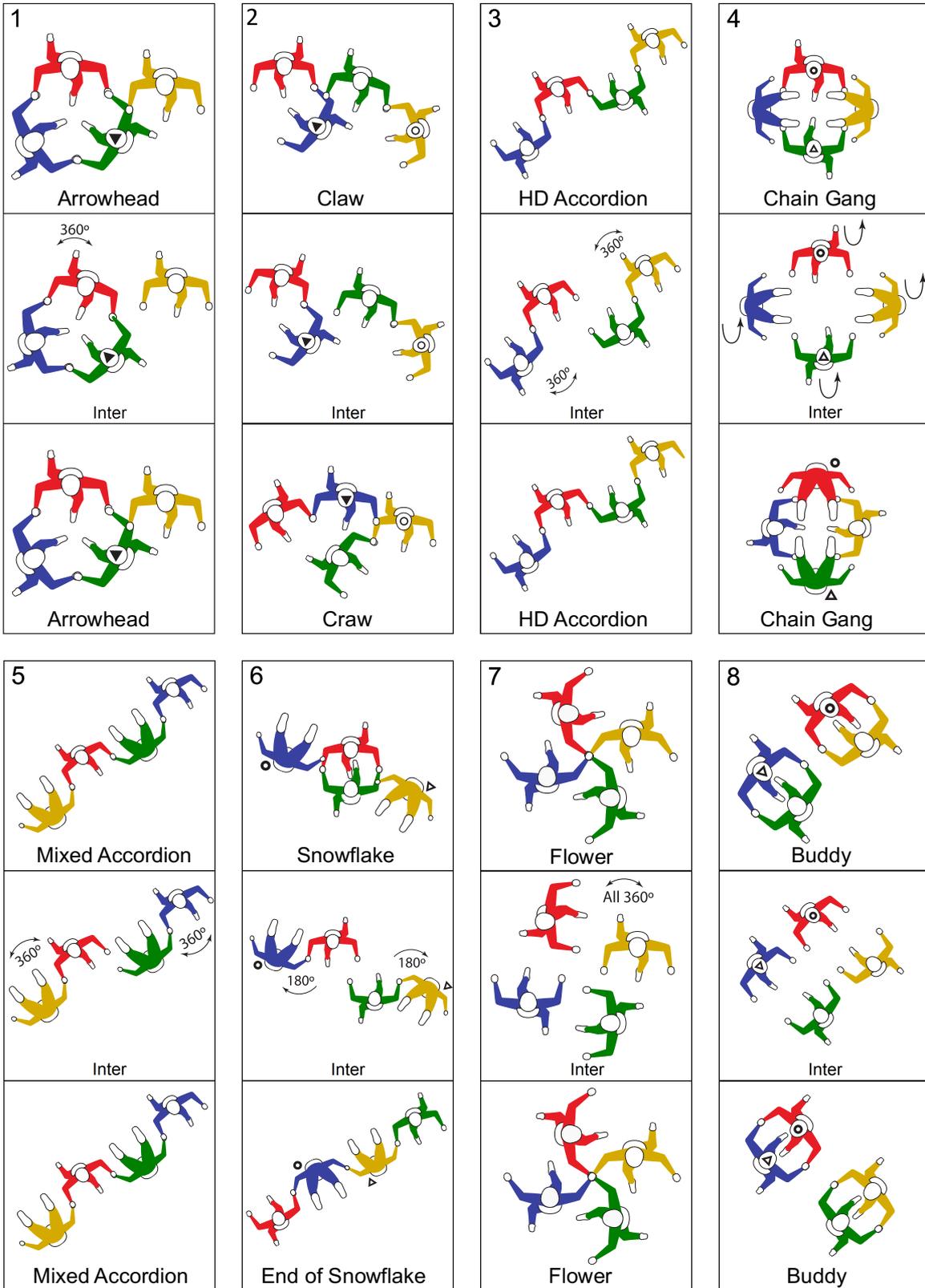
VFS block 12 has already been changed for indoor (IBD 2024-14) and the same change will now also be applied to the outdoor rules (see new pool diagrams below for the modified block).

The bottom of VFS block 2 has been re-named "Craw" instead of "claw as it is actually different to the top of the block (just re named, no change to the block)

The diagrams for the VFS pool have been updated using the USPA diagrams which are clearer than the old diagrams. See below for the new VFS pool diagrams. Thanks go to USPA for permission to use their diagrams which are copyrighted but have been made available by the USPA for non-commercial use.

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New VFS Pool diagrams



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Shorty

Inter

Shorty

10

Mixed Anthem

Inter

Mixed Anthem

11

Fun Buddies

Inter

Fun Buddies

12

Pinwheel

Inter

Pinned Wheel

13

HD Star

Inter

HD Star

14

Satellite

Inter

Satellite

15

Bipole

Inter

Bipole

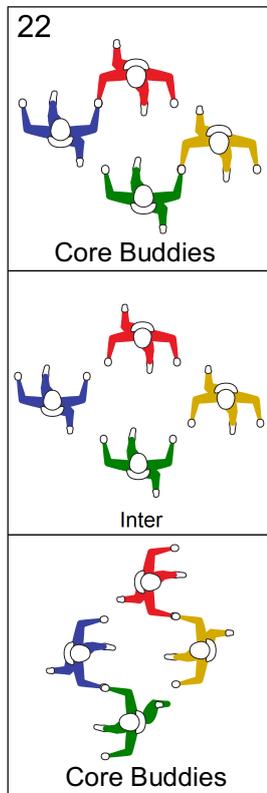
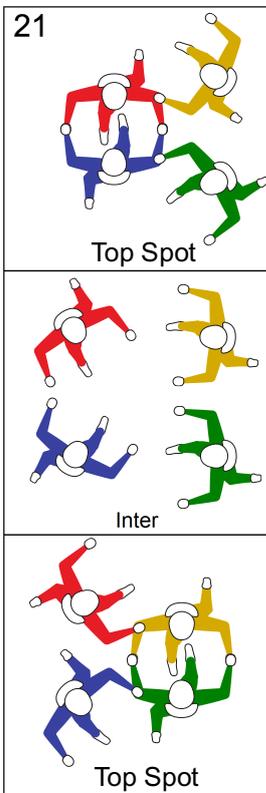
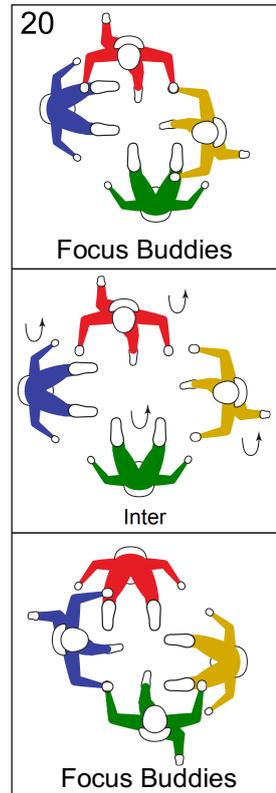
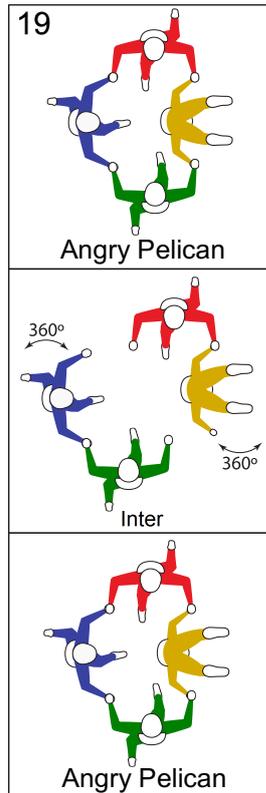
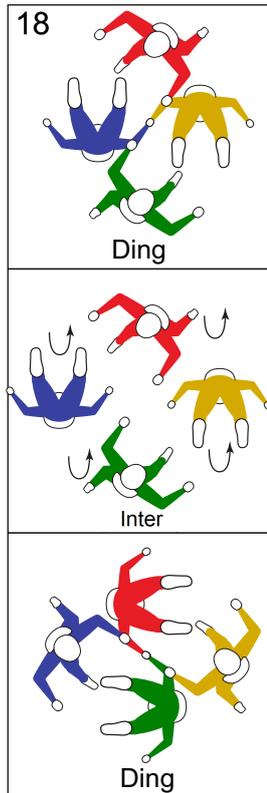
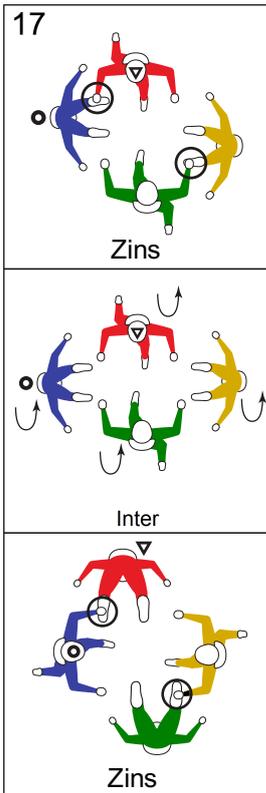
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Chimmy

Inter

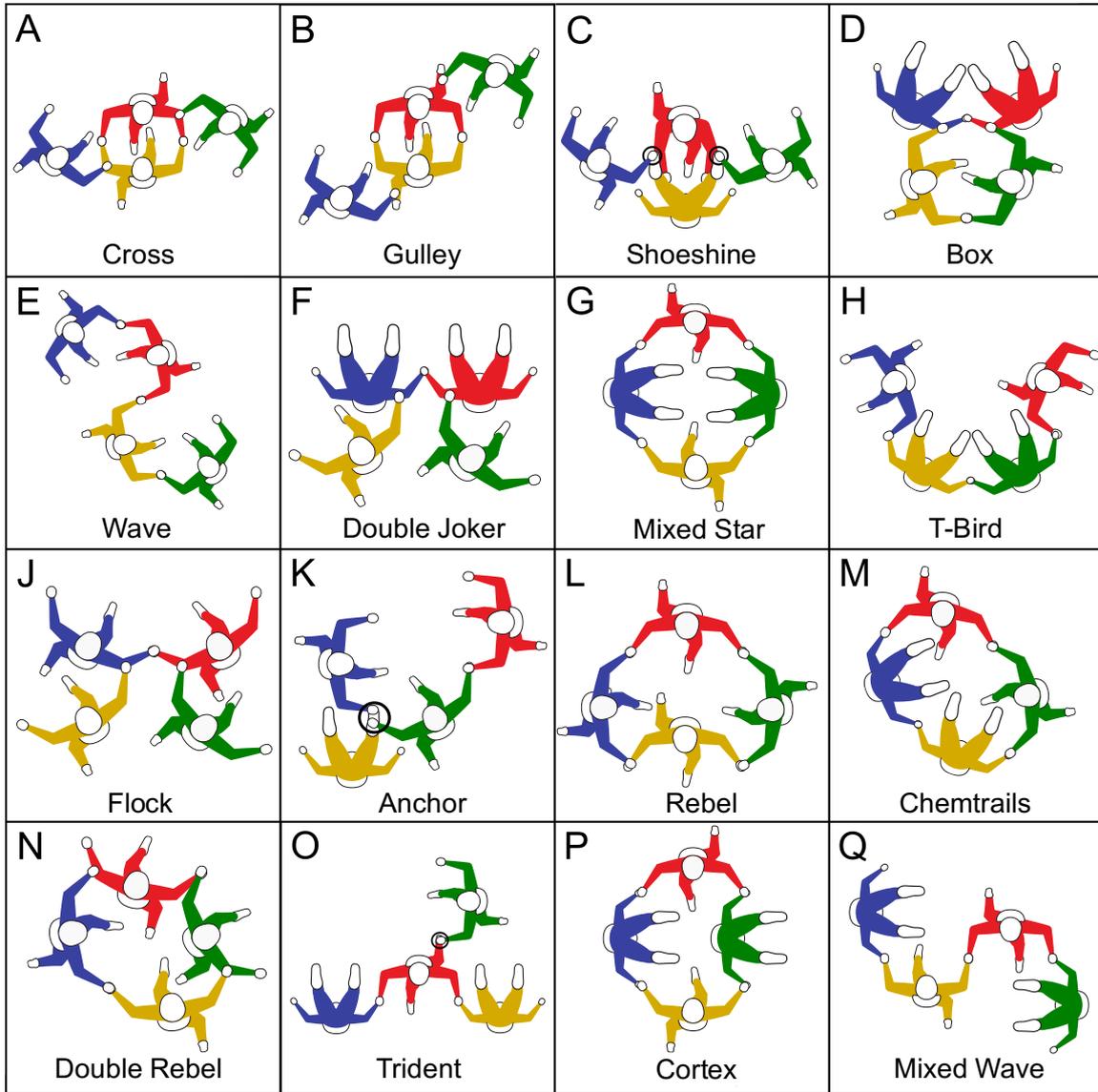
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Note: A circle denotes a foot grip (ref. Competition Rules 2.2)

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