

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1504

Single & Pair Skating

I. Some changes in General Regulations, Special Regulations and Technical Rules accepted by the 52nd ISU Congress

1. Include main changes introduced in ISU Communications No. 1445 & 1459 in the Rule Book 2008.
2. Short Program Junior Men: allow a double or a triple Axel Paulsen as a solo jump.
3. Short Program Pairs, Spiral sequence: delete the requirement that at least one partner must always be in a spiral position.
4. Have one element less in a Well Balanced Free Program of all the categories with the following result:
 - a) Senior both Men and Ladies: maximum of three (3) spins, one of which must be a spin combination, one a flying spin and one a spin with only one position;
 - b) Junior Men: maximum of one (1) step sequence;
 - c) Junior Ladies: maximum of one (1) step sequence and no any Spiral Sequence;
 - d) Senior and Junior Pairs:
maximum of 1 Step Sequence and no Spiral Sequence (seasons 2008-2009, 2010-2011);
maximum of 1 Sequence of Spirals and no Step Sequence (season 2009-2010).
5. If an Axel type jump immediately follows any other jump (without any steps, turns, hops, mazurkas and unlisted jumps), this will also be considered as a jump sequence.
6. Pair Senior Well Balanced Program:
it will be possible to execute either three (3) Lifts and one (1) Twist Lift or two (2) Lifts and two (2) Twist Lifts. If a second Twist Lift is performed, this must be with a different take off than the first one.
7. In Pair Free Skating the base value for all throw jumps, jump elements, lifts and twist lifts started in the second part of the program will be multiplied by a special factor of 1.1.
8. In Lifts three and a half (3 ½) allowed revolutions of the Man are counted from the moment the Lady leaves the ice until the moment the Man's arm(s) begin to bend after full extension and consequently the Lady begins to descend.
9. Every competitor/pair must begin each part of the competition at the latest one (1) minute after his/her/their name has been announced, failing which the competitor shall be considered as withdrawn.
10. In case of a fresh start due to interruption caused by injury, medical problem, equipment, etc., the skater is allowed up to three (3) minutes before the continuation of the program. In this case a deduction of 2.0 points will be applied by the Referee.

11. In exceptional circumstances when a fresh start is no way the fault of the skater (arena problem, audience interference, etc), the Referee shall not apply any deduction.
12. If a Skater/Pair with the first starting number in the group is injured during the warm-up period and time before the start of the performance is not sufficient for required medical attention, the Referee may allow this Skater/Pair up to three (3) additional minutes before he/she/they is called to the start.
13. In all ISU Figure Skating Championships, ISU Events and all other Figure Skating competitions, competitors, coaches, team officials, service personal etc. may display on their persons, clothing and/or technical equipment not more than 2 trademarks with a maximum of sixty (60) square centimetre each, for any commercial products, services or enterprises only while being off the ice including in the “kiss and cry” area, television interview area and during practice session. One trademark of the clothing supplier may also be displayed, not larger than thirty (30) square centimetres.
14. The Report of the Referee and the Report of the Technical Controller are two separate documents prepared in accordance with ISU guideline.
15. Each Assessment remains valid for the current season plus additional two (2) seasons and counts during such period of time towards an accumulation of Assessment.
16. For the first appointment as an International judge the candidate nominated must have attended an ISU Judges seminar in the twenty-four (24) months preceding the nomination. This seminar will include Trial Judging and the judging of the candidate must have been acceptable.
17. To be eligible for the annual re-nomination and re-appointment as ISU Technical Specialist or ISU Data or Replay Operator, the person concerned must have served at least once in the respective capacity during the 12 months (for Technical Specialist) or 24 months (for Data and Replay Operators) preceding each annual re-nomination in an ISU Event or the Olympic Winter Games or an International Competition or a National/Sectional/Regional Competition (in the last case the event the person served in must be approved by the ISU for the purpose of this Rule).

II. Requirements for approval of an event of a National/Sectional/Regional Competition as adequate for re-appointment and re-nomination of ISU Technical Specialists and ISU Data and Replay Operators

1. The event in question must be Senior or Junior with at least 8 Single Skaters or 5 Pairs participating.
2. The Referee must be an ISU or an International Referee and must send the Referee’s Report in a standard form to the ISU Office.
3. The Technical Controller must be an ISU or an International Technical Controller and must send the Technical Controller’s Report in a standard form to the ISU Office.
4. The service of the concerned Technical Specialist in the event must be rated at least as acceptable.

III. Clarifications on Levels features and Scale of Values (SOV)

The Level features and the SOV for the season 2008-2009 were published in the ISU Communication No. 1494. The following clarifications should be noted:

1. Feature No. 2 for “All Spins” in Singles should look as follows:
 - 2) Another difficult variation in a basic position which must be:
 - spins in one position without change of foot and flying spins – different than the first one
 - all other spins – on different foot and/or in different position than the first one

2. Feature No. 2 for “Solo Spins” in Pairs should look as follows:
 - 2) Another difficult variation in a basic position which must be:
 - spins in one position without change of foot – different than the first one
 - all other spins – on different foot and/or in different position than the first one
3. If in a Solo Spin of the Pairs Free Skating Skaters change direction simultaneously with the second change of foot, only one Level feature will be awarded.
4. In Spiral Sequences of Singles and Pairs feature “Holding spiral position (without any interruption) for 6 or more sec.” is awarded only if there are no changes in the skaters’ position and variation.
5. According to the 52nd ISU Congress decisions, definition of a sit position in Spins, both Singles and Pairs, was amended as follows: “lower part of the buttocks not higher than the upper part of the knee of the skating leg, the upper part of the skating leg parallel to the ice”.
6. The requirement of turns and steps executed on one foot in Step Sequences, both Singles and Pairs, means that in these sequences two footed skating should be excluded (whenever possible).
7. In the SOV the numerical values of minus GOE for the double Axel should be: – 0.8, – 1.6 and – 2.5 respectively (correction of a printing error).

IV. Clarification of evaluating the Flip and Lutz jumps

1. The Technical Panel will use the sign “ e ” (edge) for severe cases of wrong take-off edge (long wrong edge, no correct edge at all etc.); in these cases GOE of the Judges must be reduced by –1 to – 3 and must be negative.
2. The Technical Panel will use the sign “ ! ” (attention) in cases when a wrong take-off edge is short or not so obvious; in these cases the decision on the GOE is at the discretion of every Judge.

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