

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

Communication No. 1397

Single and Pair Skating

GUIDELINES FOR NOVICE COMPETITIONS

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1. International Novice Competition in the Single and Pair Skating

Entries

Open to eligible skaters of ISU Members in accordance with Rule 107, paragraphs 8.

Age requirements

In International Novice Competitions a Novice is skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding these Events:

- (i) may not be younger than ten (10) and must not have reached the age of fifteen (15) for Singles
- (ii) either partner may not be younger than ten (10) and must not have reached the age of fifteen (15) for girls and seventeen (17) for boys for Pairs;

Judges/ Referees

ISU and International and/or National Judges and Referees may officiate at such competitions.

A short Report by the Referee on such competition should be submitted to the respective ISU Technical Committee for Singles and Pairs.

Technical Controller/ Technical Specialist/ Data Operator/ Replay Operator

ISU and International and National Technical Controller/Technical Specialist/Data Operator may officiate at such competitions.

Composition of Event for Singles and Pairs:

The event shall consist of two parts:

- Short Program of a maximum length of 2:30 minutes for Singles and Pairs.
- Free Skating Program of 3:00 minutes for Girls, and 3:30 minutes for Boys and Pairs (+ or – 10 seconds)

2. Short Program Singles

The Short Program for Girls' Singles shall consist of the following elements:

- a) Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen
- b) Double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps not repeat jump in a)
- c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, both jumps may not repeat jump in a) or b)
- d) Layback or sideways leaning spin (minimum of six (6) revolutions)
- e) Spin combination with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). The minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted
- f) One spiral sequence consisting of at least two (2) spiral positions. Spiral sequence has to be according to the remarks in the ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2006. A spiral position in order to be

- counted must be held for at least three (3) seconds
- g) One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface (straight line, circular or serpentine)

The Short Program for Boys' Singles shall consist of the following elements:

- a) Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen
- b) Double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps not repeat jump in a)
- c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, both jumps may not repeat jump in a) or b)
- d) Camel or sit spin (minimum of six (6) revolutions). Change of foot is optional. No flying entrance.
- e) Spin combination with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). The minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted.
- f) Two step sequences of a different nature with full utilization of the ice surface (straight line, serpentine or circular)

3. Free Skating Program Singles

A well balanced Free Skating program for Singles must contain:

- a) Maximum of 6 jump elements for Girls and maximum of 7 jump elements for Boys one of which must be an Axel type jump and there may be up to three (3) jump combinations or sequences. Only one jump combination can contain three (3) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Only two (2) jumps with two and a half (2 1/2) or three (3) revolutions can be repeated either in a jump combination or in a jump sequence.
- b) There must be a maximum of three (3) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten(10) revolutions) and one a flying spin with no change of position and no change of foot (minimum of six(6) revolutions). In spins the minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted. Number of changes of foot in the spin combination is optional.
- c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence or one (1) spiral sequence consisting of at least two (2) spiral positions for both Boys and Girls.
A spiral position in order to be counted must be held for at least 3 seconds.

4. Short Program Pairs

The Short Program for Pairs shall consist of the following elements:

- a) One lift from any group. Minimum one (1) revolution by the man
- b) One twist lift (single or double)
- c) One solo jump (single or double)
- d) One solo spin, no change of foot, change of position optional, five (5) revolutions minimum
- e) One pair spin, no change of foot, change of position optional, five (5) revolutions minimum
- f)* One pivot figure (pivot position by man required). One revolution minimum by man
- g) One spiral sequence with at least two (2) spiral positions. Spiral sequence has to be according to the in ISU Technical Rules Single & Pair Skating 2006 remarks
A spiral position in order to be counted must be held for at least three (3) seconds
- h) One step sequence: serpentine, circular or straight line for step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface

Note: Elements g) and h) will alternate starting with the season 2006/2007 with g)

*If a death spiral is executed, it is marked according to the ISU Technical Rules for Single & Pair Skating 2006. In other cases the base value is established as 2.2 with the numerical values of + or – GOEs indicated in the Technical Rules for the death spiral. There are no levels.

5. Free Skating Program Pairs

A well balanced Free Skating program must contain a maximum of:

- a) Two different lifts (one of the lifts must be from Group 3 or 4)
- b) One twist lift.
- c) One throw jump.
- d) One solo jump.
- e) One jump Combination or Sequence. The jump combination may consist of only two (2) jumps. The jump sequence may consist of any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted
- f) One solo spin or solo spin combination (minimum of five (5) revolutions). The minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted
- g) One pair spin or pair spin combination (minimum of five (5) revolutions). The minimum number of revolutions required in a position is two (2). In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the position is not counted
- h)* One pivot figure without restrictions
- i) One spiral sequence. A spiral position in order to be counted must be held for at least three (3) seconds.
- j) One step sequence with full utilization of the ice surface

Note: Elements i) and j) will alternate starting with the season 2006/2007 with j)

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6. Marking and Determination of Results

The ISU Judging System is to be used. Marking shall be in accordance with the Special Regulations for Single & Pair Skating 2006.

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