

Category: **Ice Dance**

Subject: **Handbooks for Officials 2012 – Additional Q&As #1**

Technical Panels

Questions (Dance Lifts)	Answers	Comments
The lifting partner takes a Curve Lift from Spread Eagle on straight line and then changes tracing into an inside Spread Eagle for the whole Lift on inside Spread Eagle. Can this entry be considered for Creative/Difficult Entry?	Yes, because as per additional definition of Creative Difficult Entry group b), 2nd bullet: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Spread Eagle on straight line is from the list of examples of Difficult Positions for the Lifting Partner,▪ inside Spread Eagle is from the list of examples of Difficult Positions for the Lifting Partner,▪ there is no intermediate position between the two Difficult Positions.	Besides, to be given credit, as per additional definition of Creative Difficult Entry group b), 2nd bullet, the Spread Eagle on straight line must be reached before the lifted partner leaves the ice and the inside Spread Eagle must be given credit for Level (i.e. be sustained for at least 3 seconds).

Questions (Sets of Twizzles)	Answers	Comments
Page 68, Q&A 5 – Updates are underlined Is <u>performing a movement on two feet, such as standing on two feet, Crouch, Lunge, Ina Bauer or Spread Eagle</u> , between Twizzles considered as one step?	Yes.	
If a Jump is performed between Twizzles, how will the Technical Panel count the number of connecting steps?	The Technical Panel will consider the Jump as one step.	According to Rule 604, paragraph 17, the term Jump covers Dance Jumps and Hops as well. Note: Jumps of more than one revolution and Jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners are Illegal Elements/Movements.
In a Set of Twizzles, partners perform different connecting steps between Twizzles. Will the Technical Panel take any action?	No. There is no requirement for both partners to perform the same connecting steps.	The Technical Panel will pay attention to the number of connecting steps performed by each partner.

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Referees and Judges

Questions (Required Elements)	Answers	Comments
A couple crosses the Long Axis in a Pattern Dance Element. Should Judges take this situation into consideration under the GOE or reduce the Program Component Choreography?	This situation is a violation of the required Pattern of the Pattern Dance Element and Judges will reflect it under the criteria "correct Pattern" of the Characteristics of Grade of Execution. This situation may also violate the Pattern requirements of Short Dance ("the pattern must not cross the Long Axis except once at each end of the rink, within no more than 20 meters from the barrier"). However a double deduction is not required in this case, and the reduction of 0.5 from the Program Component Choreography is not needed.	Judges should pay attention to the size of the rink. Any crossing up to the difference between 30 meters and the width of the rink does not constitute a violation.
In a Set of Twizzles, if a Jump is performed between Twizzles, should Judges take a specific action?	No. There is no list of Non Permitted Elements in Sets of Twizzles.	In case Jumps of more than one revolution or Jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners are performed, action is taken by the Technical Panel because those moves are Illegal Element/Movement.
In a Set of Twizzles, partners perform different connecting steps between Twizzles. Will Judges take any action?	No. There is no requirement for both partners to perform the same connecting steps.	Judges will pay attention to the aspect of the Characteristic of Grade of Execution "connecting steps/footwork".

Officials – Pattern Dances

Questions (Required Elements)	Answers	Comments
A couple crosses the Long Axis in a Sequence/Section of Pattern Dance. Should Judges take this situation into consideration under the GOE?	Yes. This situation is a violation of the required Pattern of the Sequence/Section of Pattern Dance and Judges will reflect it under the criteria "correct Pattern" of the Characteristics of Grade of Execution.	Judges should pay attention to the size of the rink. Any crossing up to the difference between 30 meters and the width of the rink does not constitute a violation.