

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1619

### Single & Pair Skating

#### I. Some changes in Special Regulations and Technical Rules accepted by the 53<sup>rd</sup> ISU Congress

##### Changes in Technical Rules:

1. **Single and Pair Skating** (Senior and Junior):
  - a) Jumps Combination: If the jumps are connected with a non-listed jump, the element is called as a jump sequence. However half-loop when used in combinations/sequences is considered as a listed jump with the Value of a Loop.
  - b) Spins: Spin in one position and (in Singles) Flying spin (which means a spin with a flying entrance and no change of foot and position): the concluding upright position at the end of the spin (final wind-up) is not considered to be another position independent of the number of revolutions, as long as in such a final wind-up no additional feature is executed (change of edge, variation of position etc.).
2. **Short Program for Single Skating** (Senior and Junior):
  - a) The Short Program consists of seven (7) required elements.
  - b) Men, Seniors and Juniors: only one step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine) is included.
  - c) Ladies, Seniors and Juniors: no spiral sequence is included. Execution of Spirals will be rewarded in "Transitions".
  - d) Ladies, Senior can have either a double or a triple Axel.
  - e) Men, Senior: it is possible to execute two different quadruple jumps - one in combination and one as solo jump.
  - f) Men, Senior: the landing position of the flying spin and the position of the spin in one position must be different (e.g. FCSp and CSSp).
3. **Free Program for Single Skating** (Senior and Junior):
  - a) A Double Axel cannot be included more than two (2) times in total in a Single's Free Program (as a Solo Jump or a part of Combination/Sequence).
  - b) Men, Senior: the second (in the order of execution) step sequence will always be awarded a fixed Base Value and evaluated by Judges in GOE only. This sequence can have any pattern while fully utilizing the ice surface.
  - c) Ladies, Senior: the spiral sequence will always be awarded a fixed Base Value and evaluated by Judges in GOE only. In this sequence there must be at least two (2) spiral positions not less than three (3) seconds long each or only one (1) spiral position not less than six (6) seconds long. In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the spiral sequence will have no value.
4. **Short Program for Pair Skating** (Senior and Junior):
  - a) The Short Program for pairs (Senior and Junior) consists of seven (7) required elements.
  - b) Solo spin combination and pair spin combination will alternate each season starting with solo spin combination in the season 2010-2011.
  - c) The step sequence will be included in the Short Program every season.

5. **Free Program for Pair Skating** (Senior and Junior)

- a) The jump combination may consist of two (2) or three (3) jumps.
- b) For Seniors the death spiral of Free Skating must be of a different type than the death spiral of the Short Program.
- c) The spiral sequence will be included in Free Skating every season. The Spiral Sequence will always be awarded a fixed Base Value and evaluated by Judges in GOE only. There must be at least two (2) spiral positions of each partners not less than three (3) seconds long each or only one (1) spiral position of each partners not less than six (6) seconds long. In case this requirement is not fulfilled, the spiral sequence will have no value.

6. **Illegal elements:** If there is an illegal movement during the execution of any element, the deduction for an illegal movement will apply and the element will receive Level 1 if the requirements for at least Level 1 are fulfilled. Otherwise the element will be called “No Level”.

### **Changes in Special Regulations:**

1. **Composition of the Technical panels for International Competitions**

As an exception in extenuating circumstances for International Competition one (1) National Technical Specialist from the host Member may be used as Assistant Technical Specialist. In this case this Assistant Technical Specialist must be designated as his ISU Member.

2. **Fresh start:** the deduction of -2.0 will be no longer applied in case of a fresh start; the Judges however will be advised that a “fresh start” might negatively influence the Components scores.

3. **Deductions:**

- a) costume, props and music violation:  
The Referee together with the Judges Panel decides on costume and prop violation and vocal music; the corresponding deductions (-1,0) are applied according to the opinion of the majority of the Panel which includes all the Judges and the Referee with no deduction applied in case of a 50:50 split vote;
- b) falls and illegal elements:  
The Technical Controller and the Technical Specialists decide on deductions for falls and illegal elements. The deduction is applied with a majority decision.

4. **Seminar participation requirements:**

Participation in the Initial Judges Meeting (if conducted by a Member of the respective Technical Committee) and Round Table Discussion at ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games will be considered as meeting the requirements of seminar attendance.

5. **Entries for ISU Championships:**

To be entered into and participate in the Championships/Qualifying Round of a Senior ISU Championships a Competitor must have reached in an ISU recognized International Competition during the ongoing or immediately preceding season the minimum Total Technical Scores (points).

The minimum Total Technical Scores for the ISU Championships 2011 are:

Men	SP 20,0	FS 35,0
Ladies	SP 15,0	FS 25,0
Pair Skating	SP 17,0	FS 30,0

No Minimum Score is required for the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships.

**II. Requirements for recognition of a National/Sectional/Regional Competition as adequate for the purpose of re-appointment and re-nomination of ISU & International Technical Controllers, Technical Specialists and ISU Data & Replay Operators**

1. The competition in question must be Senior or Junior with the ISU Short Program and Free Skating and at least 6 Single Skaters or 3 Pairs participating.
2. A statement of the Organizing ISU Member confirming that the Official in question served in the corresponding capacity in the competition and his/her service was considered by the Organizing Member as acceptable.

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