

Category: **Ice Dance**
 Subject: **Handbooks for Officials 2014 – Additional Q&As #1**
Referees and Judges

Question Choreography restrictions – application cases	Answer	Comment
<p><u>In Short Dance a Couple performs a separation of one measure of music to prepare (or conclude) the Not Touching Step Sequence or the Set of Sequential Twizzles. Is this allowed?</u></p>	<p><u>No. The preparation (or the conclusion) of those elements is not one of the four cases of separations allowed by Rule 709, § 1.g), which are: to change hold, to perform (not to prepare or conclude) those elements, to perform Turns as transitions, and during stops.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>As stated in Rule 709, § 1.g), the one measure duration allowance applies to two cases of allowed separations: to change hold and to perform Turns as transitions.</u> ▪ <u>Separating longer than necessary before the Not Touching Step Sequence or the Set of Sequential Twizzles (or taking longer than necessary after the element to resume skating in hold) constitutes a violation of choreography restrictions, subject to a deduction by Judges and Referee.</u>

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Question Steps Sequences – application cases Replaces 1 st box of application cases, page 42	Answer	Comment
<p><u>In a Step Sequence Style B, one retrogression is permitted. However stops and loops are Not Permitted Elements and the pattern of the Step Sequence must be in accordance with the chosen Type. What can be the shape of the permitted retrogression?</u></p>	<p><u>Examples of acceptable shapes of the retrogression might be:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>a straight line (for Straight Line Step Sequences) or curve line (for Curved Step Sequences) where there is a quick stop to merely invert the skating direction and the retrogression is on the same line as the forward movement;</u> ▪ <u>a narrow loop;</u> ▪ <u>a "z" or "s" shape where the retrogression is not exactly on the same line going back and forward.</u> 	<p><u>Examples of not acceptable shapes, warranting a GOE reduction as per marking guide:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>a full stop with the couple staying stationary on the ice to enter or exit the retrogression: this will be considered as a Not Permitted Element;</u> ▪ <u>a round loop: this will be considered as a Not Permitted Element;</u> ▪ <u>a retrogression grossly distorting the pattern of the Type of Step Sequence: this will be considered as an incorrect pattern.</u>