

# Communication No. 2396

## SINGLE & PAIR SKATING

### GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL NOVICE COMPETITIONS 2021/22

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#### A. GENERAL

##### 1. Entries

Entries to the competitions are made by the ISU Members (for International Competitions) or Clubs (for Interclub Competitions), which must be a member of the ISU Member, based on the age and the level of the Skaters.

##### 2. Age requirements

Rule 108, paragraph 3)

c) In International Novice Competitions a Novice is a Skater who has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the competition:

- i) Basic Novice - has not reached the age of thirteen (13).
- ii) Intermediate Novice - has not reached the age of fifteen (15).
- iii) Advanced Novice - has reached the age of ten (10) and has not reached the age of fifteen (15) for girls (Singles/Pair Skating/Ice Dance) and boys (Single Skating) and seventeen (17) for boys (Pair Skating/Ice Dance).

##### 3. Deductions for Interruption(s) in performing the program for ALL Novice categories:

For every Interruption of:

- more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: - 0.5
- more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: - 1.0
- more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: - 1.5

Interruption of the program with allowance of up to three (3) minutes to resume from the point of interruption:

- 2.5 per program

As the values of those deductions are not the standard ones provided by Rules 353, paragraph 1.n), the Referee must give specific instructions to the system operator and check the correct input in each instance.

##### 4. Deductions for Falls\* for Novice

- per fall: 0.5 - one Skater only – Singles and Pairs
- per fall: 1.0 - both Skaters - Pairs

\* A Fall is defined as loss of control by a Skater with the result that the majority of his/her own body weight is on the ice supported by any other part of the body other than the blades e.g. hand(s), knee(s), buttock(s), or any part of the arm (Rule 503, para 1).

## 5. Officials

- a) ISU Rule 420 regarding the appointment of Officials apply, except for the requirement of their international qualification. However, in each competition there must be at least one (1) Judge and one (1) member of the Technical Panel with an international qualification. Apart from this exception all ISU Rules regarding requirements for Officials, including but not limited to age limits, are applicable, also with respect to Officials with national qualifications only.
- b) The same ISU Rules regarding judging, refereeing and the work of the Technical Panel apply as in Junior and Senior International Competitions.
- c) Rule 433, paragraphs 1 and 2 regarding the Report of the Referee and the Report of the Technical Controller apply.

## B. SINGLE & PAIR SKATING

### 1. General Requirements for Novice competitions Single and Pair Skating

Segments of competitions to be skated in Novice Single and Pair Skating competitions:

- a) Single Skating competitions shall consist of
  - Basic Novice Free Skating only
  - Intermediate Novice Free Skating only
  - Advanced Novice Short Program and Free Skating
- b) Pair Skating competitions shall consist of
  - Basic Novice Free Skating only
  - Advanced Novice Short Program and Free Skating
- c) Duration of the Programs:

Single Skating			
Basic Novice	Free Skating:	2:30 min,	+/-10 sec.
Intermediate Novice	Free Skating:	3:00 min,	+/-10 sec.
Advanced Novice	Short Program:	2:20 min,	+/-10 sec.
	Free Skating:	3:00 min,	+/-10 sec.
Pair Skating			
Basic Novice	Free Skating:	3:00 min,	+/-10 sec.
Advanced Novice	Short Program:	2:20 min,	+/-10 sec.
	Free Skating:	3:00 min,	+/-10 sec.

Various

- Singles Girls and Boys for all Novice sub-categories: warm-up groups can be maximum up to eight (8) Skaters.
- Warm up time: Basic Novice Free Skating 4 minutes, Intermediate Novice Free Skating 5 minutes, Advance Novice Short Program 4 minutes, Free Skating 5 minutes.
- There will be no special factor of 1.1 for jump elements performed in the second half of the Short and Free Programs in all Novice Categories. Instead, bonuses for achieved jumps are awarded for Advanced Novice Single Skating as per paragraph 2.3 below.
- If an extra jump(s) is executed, only the individual jump(s) which is not according to requirements will have no value. The jumps are considered in the order of execution.

### 2. Technical Requirements for Novice Competitions Single Skating

#### 2.1 Single Skating Basic Novice - Girls and Boys

A well balanced Free Skating program for Single Skating must contain:

- a) Maximum of 4 jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. Jump combinations can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence

consists of 2 (two) jumps of any number of revolutions, beginning with any jump, immediately followed by an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump to the take-off curve of the Axel jump.

No triple and quadruple jumps are allowed. Only one single jump and one double jump (including Double Axel) can be repeated once.

- b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position.  
The spin combination with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions.  
The spin in one position with a change of foot minimum of eight (8) revolutions or spin in one position without change of foot minimum of six (6) revolutions.  
In both spins flying entries are allowed.
- c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Levels explanations:

For Basic Novice Singles, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The Program Components are judged only in

- Skating Skills
- Performance

The factor for the Program Components is 2.5.

## 2.2. Single Skating Intermediate Novice - Girls and Boys

### Boys and Girls

A well balanced Free Skating program for Single Skating must contain:

- a) Maximum of 5 jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence consists of 2 (two) jumps of any number of revolutions, beginning with any jump, immediately followed by an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump to the take-off curve of the Axel jump. No triple and quadruple jumps allowed. Only one single jump and one double jump (including Double Axel) can be repeated once.
- b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position.  
The spin combination with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions.  
The spin in one position with a change of foot minimum of eight (8) revolutions or spin in one position without change of foot minimum of six (6) revolutions.  
In both spins flying entries are allowed.
- c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Levels explanations:

For Intermediate Novice Singles, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The Program Components are judged only in

- Skating Skills
- Performance
- Interpretation

The factor for Program Components is

- for boys 2.0
- for girls 1.7

### **2.3 Single Skating Advanced Novice - Girls and Boys**

#### **Boys**

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

- a) Single Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen
- b) Double or triple jump, may not repeat jump a)
- c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, both jumps may not repeat jump a) or b)
- d) Camel, sit or upright spin (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot) with change of foot and no flying entrance.
- e) Spin combination with only one change of foot (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). Flying entry is allowed.
- f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

#### **Girls**

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

- a) Single Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen
- b) Double or triple jump, may not repeat jump a)
- c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, both jumps may not repeat jump a) or b)
- d) Layback/sideways leaning spin or spin in one basic position with no change of foot (minimum six (6) revolutions) and no flying entrance.
- e) Spin combination with only one change of foot (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). Flying entry is allowed.
- f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

Jumps not according to Short Program requirements (wrong number of revolutions) will receive no value.

If the same jump is executed as a solo jump and as a part of the jump combination, the repeated jump will not be counted (if this repetition is in a jump combination, only the individual jump which is not according to the above requirements will not be counted).

#### **Boys and Girls**

A well balanced Free Skating program for Singles Boys and Girls must contain:

- a) Maximum of 6 jump elements one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. One jump combination could consist up to three (3) jumps, the other up to two (2) jumps. A jump sequence consists of 2 (two) jumps of any number of revolutions, beginning with any jump, immediately followed by an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump to the take-off curve of the Axel jump. Only two (2) triple jumps can be repeated either in a jump combination or a jump sequence. No quadruple jumps are allowed. Any single, double (including Double Axel) or triple jump cannot be executed more than twice in total.
- b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination with change of foot (minimum eight (8) revolutions), flying entrance is not allowed and one must be a flying spin (minimum six (6) revolutions) or a spin in one position with change of foot and a flying entrance (minimum eight (8) revolutions).
- c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface.

#### **Bonus for Advanced Novice Single Skating**

Skaters can earn bonus points for jumps that are achieved in Short Program and/or Free Skating. To be eligible for bonus points, jumps must be fully rotated or landed on the quarter (q) and must be in accordance with the Short Program requirements respectively the well balanced Free Skating program and the repetition rules for jumps. Jumps can be performed as a solo jump, or in jump combination or jump sequence. Jumps that are identified by the Technical Panels as under-rotated (<), downgraded (<<), with wrong edge (e) or have a fall or being identified as invalid element (\*) are not eligible to receive bonus points.

- Short Program:

In the Short Program a maximum of two (2) bonus points can be achieved: one (1) bonus point for one (1) Double Axel and one (1) bonus point for one (1) triple jump

- Free Skating:

In the Free Skating Program, a maximum of three (3) bonus points can be achieved: one (1) bonus point for one (1) Double Axel and one (1) bonus point each for any two (2) different Triple jumps

In case of jump combinations or jump sequences, all jumps eligible for a bonus point in accordance with the above regulations and limitations can receive bonus points.

The Technical Panel will decide upon the bonus points and add them respecting the above regulations and limitations to the respective jump element(s). The Technical Controller will advise the Data Operator to add the bonus point at the end of the jump by using the respective “Bonus” button on the Data Operators screen (i.e. 2Ab, 3Lzqb+3Tb) during the review process.

The bonus will be assigned to the first two jumps in Short Program and to the first three jumps in Free Skating that fulfill the requirements in order of their execution.

In accordance with ISU Rule 353 (ISU Judging System - determination and publication of results) paragraph 1. (Basic Principles of Calculation) and respective subparagraph f) the panel's score for each Section/Element is determined by adding the trimmed mean GOE of this Section/Element to its Base Value. The bonus points are added in addition and will determine the panel's score for jump elements where the Technical Panel identifies such bonus points (Base Value + GOE + Bonus Point(s) = Score of Panel).

On the Judges Details output the bonus points will be displayed as in the below sample:

Rank	Name	Nation	Starting Number	Total Segment Score	Total Element Score	Program Component Score (factored)	Total Deductions
5	Antonio TEST	ABC	6	40.56	24.29	16.27	0.00

  

#	Executed Elements	Info	Base Value	GOE	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	J6	J7	J8	J9	Bonus	Ref	Scores of Panel
1	3Tb+2T		5.50	0.00	0	0	0	0	1	0				1.00		6.50
2	3S		4.30	0.11	0	1	0	0	1	0						4.41
3	CSSp3		2.60	0.39	2	2	1	1	2	1						2.99
4	StSq2		2.60	0.26	1	1	0	1	1	1						2.86
5	2Ab		3.30	0.08	0	1	0	0	1	0				1.00		4.38
6	FCCoSp3		3.00	0.15	1	1	0	0	1	0						3.15
			21.30													24.29
<b>Program Components</b>			<b>Factor</b>													
	Skating Skills			0.90	4,50	5,25	4,25	4,75	5,00	4,75						4,75
	Transitions			0.90	3,75	4,75	4,00	4,25	4,75	4,50						4,38
	Performance			0.90	3,75	5,00	4,25	4,50	4,75	4,50						4,50
	Interpretation of the Music			0.90	3,50	5,25	4,25	4,25	4,75	4,50						4,44
	<b>Judges Total Program Component Score (factored)</b>															16.27
<b>Deductions</b>																0.00

b - Bonus Point for jump added to the element score

Levels explanations:

For Advanced Novice Single Skating, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 3 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The Program Components are judged only in

- Skating Skills
- Transitions
- Performance
- Interpretation

The factor for the Program Components is

- a) Short Program
  - for boys 0.9
  - for girls 0.8
- b) Free Skating
  - for boys 1.8
  - for girls 1.6

### 3. Technical Requirements for Novice Competitions Pair Skating

#### 3.1 Pair Skating Basic Novice

Basic Novice competitions will consist of a Free Skating program only.

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

- a) Two lifts, one from Group 1 and one from Group 2, one arm holds not allowed (full extension of the lifting arm of the partner is not required)
- b) One Twist lift (single)
- c) One solo jump (single or double)
- d) One solo spin in one position or one pair spin.  
The solo spin can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions in total or without a change of foot and a minimum of five (5) revolutions. The pair spin must be executed with a minimum five (5) revolutions.
- e) One pivot figure
- f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

Levels explanations:

For Basic Novice Pair Skating, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

The Program Components are only judged in

- Skating Skills
- Performance

The factor for the Program Components is 2.0

#### 3.2 Pair Skating Advanced Novice

The Short Program for Pair Skating shall consist of the following elements:

- a) One lift of Groups 1 to 4, one arm holds not allowed
- b) One Twist lift (single or double)
- c) One solo jump (double)
- d) One solo spin combo no change foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions)
- e) One death spiral
- f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface

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

- a) Two different lifts of Groups 1 to 4, one arm holds not allowed, (in group 1 and 2 full extension of the lifting arm of the partner is not required).
- b) One Twist lift (single or double)
- c) One Throw jump (double)
- d) One solo jump (double)
- e) One pair spin combination (minimum of six (6) revolutions)
- f) One death spiral

Levels explanations:

For Advanced Novice Pair Skating, in all elements that are subject to Levels, only features up to Level 3 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for Level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

### **Pair Lifts**

Group One - Lift where Lady's head remains up and she does not pass the man's shoulder - possible grips to allow more variety, Hand to Armpit, Hand to Arm, Hand to Waist or Hand to Hand.

The Program Components are judged only in

- Skating Skills
- Transitions
- Performance
- Interpretation

The factor for the Program Components is

- Short Program 0.8
- Free Skating 1.6

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