

Communication No. 2474

SINGLE & PAIR SKATING

Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution and Program Components, Season 2022/23

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Please check the updated communication that will be published after Congress.
Additional remarks for technical elements and features are found in Technical Panel
Handbooks for Single Skating and Pair Skating.

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I. Updated Levels of Difficulty of Single/Pair Skating Elements (season 2022/23)

LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY, SINGLE SKATING

Number of features for Levels: 1 for Level 1, 2 for Level 2, 3 for Level 3, 4 for Level 4

Step Sequences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Minimum variety (Level 1), simple variety (Level 2), variety (Level 3), complexity (Level 4) of difficult turns and steps throughout (compulsory) 2) Rotations in either direction (left and right) with full body rotation covering at least 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction 3) Use of body movements for at least 1/3 of the pattern 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet executed with continuous flow within the sequence. <u>Only one difficult turn may be repeated in the two combinations.</u> Only the first combination attempted on each foot can be counted.
All Spins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Difficult variations (count as many times as performed with limitations specified below) 2) Change of foot executed by jump 3) Jump within a spin without changing feet 4) Difficult change of position on the same foot 5) Difficult entrance 6) <u>Difficult exit</u> 7) Clear change of edge in sit (only from backward inside to forward outside), camel, Layback, Biellmann or difficult variation of an upright position 8) Both directions immediately following each other in sit or camel spin 9) Clear increase of speed in camel, sit, layback, Biellmann or difficult variation of an upright position (except in crossfoot spin) 10) At least 8 rev. without changes in position/variation, foot or edge (camel, layback, difficult variation of any basic position or for combinations only non-basic position) 11) Difficult variation of flying entry in flying spins/spins with a flying entrance <p>Additional features for the Layback spin:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12) One clear change of position backwards-sideways or reverse, at least 2 rev. in each position (counts also if the Layback position is a part of any other spin) 13) Biellmann position after Layback spin (SP – after 8 revolutions in layback spin for Junior/Senior and after 6 revolutions for Advanced Novice) <p>Features 2-9, 11-13 count only once per program (first time they are attempted). Feature 10 counts only once per program (in the first spin it is successfully performed; if in this spin 8 revs are executed on both feet, any one of these executions can be taken in favour of the Skater).</p> <p>Any category of difficult spin variation in a basic position counts only once per program (first time it is attempted). A difficult variation in a non-basic position counts once per program in spin combination only (first time it is attempted).</p> <p>In any spin with change of foot the maximum number of features attained on one foot is two (2).</p>

ELEMENTS REQUIREMENTS (see also changes and clarifications on the next page)

Jumps

1. Missing rotation: signs “q”, “<” and “<<” indicate an error. The sign “q” allows to keep full original base value of the jump. The base values of the jumps with a < sign are listed in the SOV table. The jump with a sign << is evaluated with SOV for the same jump one revolution less.

2. Correct take-off edge in F/Lz: signs “e” and “!” indicate an error. The base values of the jumps with the sign “e” are listed in the SOV table. The sign “!” allows to keep full original base value of the jump.

If both signs < and “e” are applied for the same jump, the base values are listed in the SOV table.

Spins

1. For flying spins (with no change of foot and only one position) of both Short Program and Free Skating the following is required: a clear visible jump. The sign “V” indicates that this requirement is not fulfilled. The base values of spins with the sign “V” are listed in the SOV table.

2. The base values of spin combinations with only 2 basic positions (at least 2 revolutions in each of these positions) are also listed in the SOV table.

3. All spins with change of foot must have 3 revolutions on each foot. In Short Program, if this requirement is not fulfilled, the spin will get “No Value”. In Free Skating the sign “V” indicates that this requirement is not fulfilled. The base values of spins with the sign “V” are listed in the SOV table.

4. Spin in one position with change of foot must have 2 revolutions in basic position on each foot. In Short Program, if this requirement is not fulfilled, the spin will get “No Value”. In Free Skating the sign “V” indicates that this requirement is not fulfilled. The base values of spins with the sign “V” are listed in the SOV table.

Changes and clarifications for Technical Elements for season 2022/23

Single Skating

Jumps:

Downgraded (<<): Missing rotation of half a revolution or more.

Underrotated (<): Missing rotation of more than a quarter revolution but less than half a revolution. The jump will receive 80% of the base value and Judges will reduce GOE.

Landed on the quarter (q): Technical panel will indicate this with a sign "q". The jump will receive full base value and Judges will reduce GOE.

Less than a quarter missing: No sign will indicate this. The jump will receive full base value and Judges will reduce GOE.

In Short Program jumps which do not satisfy the requirements (including wrong number of revs) will have no value, but will block a jumping box, if one is empty; if a combination of two double jumps is not allowed (Sr. Men & Ladies, Jr. Men), the jump with the lesser value after the consideration of signs <, <<, e will not count (e.g. 2Lz+2T*, 2T*+2Lo, 2Lz<+2T*, 2F<<+2T).

Definition of jump sequence (pending congress decision)

A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps of any number of revolutions, in which the second and/or the third jump is an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump in to the take-off curve of the Axel jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but without weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump sequence. Jumps executed in a jump sequence receive their full value.

Spins:

To receive level 4 in any spin, one of these features must be counted:

Difficult change of position on the same foot

Difficult exit

Clear change of edge

Both directions immediately following each other in sit or camel spin

Clear increase of speed

Difficult variation of flying entry

Difficult entrance and Difficult exit are two different features. To get credit for both features they must be executed in two different spins and the movements must be of different nature.

Exit: The exit out of the spin is defined as the last phase of the spin and includes the phase immediately following the spin. **Difficult exit:** Any movement or jump that makes the exit significantly more difficult. The exit must have a significant impact on the balance, control and execution of the spin.

Windmill (illusion) is considered as a difficult movement for a feature only if it reaches close to a split position. It can be awarded as a feature for spins only once in a program.

Feature "3 basic positions on the second foot" is no longer a level feature.

Clear increase of speed is counted in camel, sit, layback, Biellmann or difficult variation of an upright position (except in crossfoot spin).

Step sequences:

Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet executed with continuous flow within the sequence:

Only one difficult turn may be repeated once in the 2 combinations.

Example of correct combinations of turns:

First combination: Bracket, counter, loop. Second combination: Rocker, counter, twizzle. In this example only counter is repeated.

Example of incorrect combinations of turns:

First combination: Rocker, counter, twizzle. Second combination: Bracket, counter, twizzle. In this example 2 different turns are repeated (counter and twizzle) and loop is not used at all.

Choreographic sequences:

Definition of choreographic sequences: (pending congress decision)

A Choreographic Sequence consists of at least two different movements like ~~steps~~, turns, spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydroblading, any jumps with maximum of 2 revolutions, spins, etc.

II. Updated Guidelines for marking +GOE of Single/Pair Skating Elements (positive aspects)

These guidelines are tools to be used together with the minus GOE charts. The final GOE of a performed element is based on the combination of both positive and negative aspects. It is important that the final GOE of an element reflects the positive aspects, as well as any possible reductions that may apply.

The final GOE of an element is calculated considering first the positive aspects of the element that result in a starting GOE for the evaluation. Following that a Judge reduces the GOE according to the guidelines of possible errors and the result is the final GOE of the element.

To establish the starting GOE Judges must take into consideration the bullets for each element.

General recommendations are as follows:

FOR + 1 : 1 bullet

FOR + 2 : 2 bullets

FOR + 3 : 3 bullets

FOR + 4 : 4 bullets

FOR + 5 : 5 or more bullets

FOR + 4 and +5 THE FIRST THREE bullets highlighted in bold must be present

Single Skating

Jump Elements	1) very good height and very good length (of all jumps in a combo or sequence) 2) good take-off and landing 3) effortless throughout (including rhythm in Jump combination) 4) steps before the jump, unexpected or creative entry 5) very good body position from take-off to landing 6) element matches the music
Spins	1) good speed and/or acceleration during spin 2) good controlled, clear position(s) (inc. height and air/landing position in flying spin) 3) effortless throughout 4) maintaining a centered spin 5) creativity and/or originality 6) element matches the music
Step Sequences	1) deep edges, clean steps and turns, <u>control of the whole body</u> 2) element matches the music 3) effortless throughout with good energy, flow and execution 4) creativity and/or originality 5) <u>good ice coverage or interesting pattern</u> 6) good acceleration and deceleration
Choreographic Sequences	1) creativity and/or originality 2) element matches the music and reflects the concept/character of the program 3) effortless throughout with good energy, flow and execution 4) good ice coverage or interesting pattern 5) good clarity and precision 6) excellent commitment and control of the whole body

III. Updated Guidelines in establishing GOE for errors in Short Program and Free Skating

Elements with no value are indicated to the Panel of Judges. GOE of such elements does not influence the result. In case of multiple errors the corresponding reductions are added. However in Pair Skating the reduction applied for a mistake of one partner or the **same** mistake by both partners remains the same.

SINGLE SKATING

REDUCTIONS FOR ERRORS			
JUMP ELEMENTS			
SP: Jump element not according to requirements final GOE must be	GOE -5	Downgraded (sign <<)	-3 to -4
Fall	-5	Under-rotated (sign <)	-2 to -3
Landing on two feet in a jump	-3 to -4	Landed on the quarter (sign q)	-2
Stepping out of landing in a jump	-3 to -4	Less than quarter missing (no sign)	-1
2 three turns in between (jump combo/seq.)	-2 to -3	Euler executed as step over	-1 to -2
Changes of edge in between jump combo	-1 to -2	Poor speed, height, distance, or air position	-1 to -3
Wrong edge take off F/Lz (sign "e")	-2 to -4	Touch down with both hands in a jump	-2 to -3
Unclear edge take off F/Lz (sign "!")	-1 to -2	Touch down with one hand or free foot (including in between jumps)	-1 to -2
Unclear edge take off F/Lz (no sign)	-1	Loss of flow/direction/rhythm between jumps (combo/seq.)	-1 to -3
Poor take-off	-1 to -3	Weak landing (bad pos./wrong edge/scratching etc)	-1 to -3
	-1 to -3	Long preparation	-1 to -3
SPINS			
Fall	-5	Poor/awkward, unaesthetic position(s)	-1 to -3
Touch down with free foot or hand(s)	-1 to -3	Slow or reduction of speed	-1 to -3
Poor fly (flying spin/entry)	-1 to -3	Change of foot poorly done (including curve of entry/exit except when changing direction)	-2 to -3
Incorrect take-off or landing in a flying spin	-1 to -2	Less than required revolutions	-1 to -3
Traveling	-1 to -3	Unbalanced number of revolutions in change foot spin	-1
Loss of balance	-1 to -3		
STEPS			
SP: Listed jumps of more than one revolution	-1	Poor quality of steps and turns	-1 to -3
Fall	-5	Poor quality of body positions	-1 to -3
Does not correspond to the music	-2 to -4	Lack of flow and energy	-1 to -3
Stumble	-1 to -3	Small pattern	-1 to -3
CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCES			
Fall	-5	Stumble	-1 to -3
Does not correspond to the music	-2 to -4	Loss of control/Lack of energy	-1 to -3
Lack of connection between choreographic movements	-2 to -3	Poor quality of movements	-1 to -3
		Lack of creativity/originality	-1 to -3

IV. Changes and clarifications for GOE and Program Components for season 2022/23

Single and Pair Skating GOE evaluation

In case of any of the following errors, the starting GOE for the evaluation cannot be higher than +2:

Fall
Landing on two feet
Stepping out of landing
Wrong edge (e)
Downgraded (<<)
Serious problems during the lift
Serious problems on the catch of the Twist
Step Sequences and Choreographic Sequences do not correspond to the music
Multiple errors in any element (e.g. in a jump element both “!” and “<”)

JUMPS

Single Euler in between two listed jumps in jump combinations: Single Euler (1Eu) missing half a revolution or more will be considered as downgraded (<<). In this case the Judges will apply the reduction for a downgraded jump. If the Single Euler is missing less than half a revolution, it will not be considered as under-rotated (<) or as landed on the quarter (q) by the Technical panel. If the Single Euler is not clearly jumped or it is executed as a step over, the Judges will apply a reduction in GOE.

In Short Program, the final GOE must be -5 if the Jump Element is not according to requirements. This means for example that the Jump Element has wrong number of revolutions, jump is repeated or jump combination has the sign +COMBO.

Flip is taken-off from a backward inside edge, **Lutz** is taken-off from backward outside edge; Technical Panel decides on the take-off edge and indicates errors with signs “e” and “!”. In cases of serious errors (sign “e”) the base value of the jump and the GOE are reduced, in cases of smaller errors (sign “!”) the original base value stays and the GOE is reduced.

Changes of edge in between jump combo: The reduction in GOE is -1 to -2.

Poor take-off: For example a toe-assisted jump is taken off from the full blade, Toe Loop is executed like a Toe Axel or there is excessive rotation on the ice at the take-off. The reduction in GOE is -1 to -3.

Touch down of the free foot in between jumps: The reduction in GOE is -1 to -2.

SPINS

Camel position: If the free leg drops down for a long time while preparing for a difficult camel variation, the Judges will apply the GOE reduction for “poor/awkward/unaesthetic position(s)”.

Difficult entrance and/or difficult exit are part of the spin and have an impact on the GOE of the element.

CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCES

Lack of connection between choreographic movements: The movements should reflect and support the composition of the program. There should be no gaps between movements, everything should be threaded together.

PAIR SPIN COMBINATION

The revolutions executed while the woman is being lifted count to the total number of revolutions.