

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 2176

### Single & Pair Skating

#### Some changes in Special Regulations and Technical Rules accepted by the 57<sup>th</sup> ISU Congress

#### I. Special Regulations

##### **Rule 353 Paragraph 1 h), ii)**

- ii) Jump sequences are evaluated as one unit by adding the Base Values of the two jumps, multiplying the result by 0.8 and applying the GOE of the jump with the higher numerical value. The factored Base Value of the jump sequence will be rounded to two decimal places.

##### **Rule 353, paragraph 1. h) iv)**

- iv) In the Short Program and Free Skating of Single Skating the Base Values (but not the GOEs) for jump elements started in the second half of the program will be multiplied by a special factor 1.1 in order to give credit for even distribution of difficulties in the program. However, only the last one jump element executed in the second half of the Short Program, and the last three jump elements executed in the second half of the Free Skating count for this factor. Each factored Base Value for these jump elements performed in the second half of the Program will be rounded to two decimal places. The second half commences in the middle of the required time without taking into account plus or minus 10 seconds allowance. However, in cases of up to 3 minutes interruptions (Rule 515) the factor 1.1 will be used only for jump elements that are started in the second half of the program, but prior to the interruption.

##### **Rule 414, paragraph 4 b)**

- b) Service: have served, during the twenty-four (24) months in Single Skating and Ice Dance, respectively thirty-six (36) months in Pair Skating, preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination, as a Technical Controller in:
  - two (2) International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b),  
or
  - one (1) ISU Figure Skating Championships or one (1) Grand Prix event or Final (senior or junior) or one (1) Challenger Series (senior) event and one (1) National Competition (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.a).

Serving in Pair Skating counts for Single Skating as well. Serving in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating unless if added with a service in Pair Skating as Referee, Judge, OAC member on site, or participant or moderator in an ISU Seminar dedicated to Pair Skating.

##### **Rule 415, paragraph 4 b)**

- b) Service: have served, during the twenty-four (24) months preceding July 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year of the nomination preceding the nomination, as Technical Specialist in:
  - two (2) International Competitions (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.b),  
or
  - one (1) ISU Figure Skating Championships or one (1) Grand Prix event or Final (senior or junior) or one (1) Challenger Series (senior) event and one (1) National Competition (as per Rule 411, paragraph 9.a).

Serving in Pair Skating counts for Single Skating. Serving in Single Skating does not count for Pair Skating.

### Rule 430, paragraph f)

#### General and specific duties and powers

- Any form of electronic communication devices such as mobile phones, tablets or smart watches must be switched off while the officials are on the officials' stand.
- ISU Officials must not act as Team Leader in the same season during which they serve as Referee, Judge, Technical Controller, Technical Specialist or OAC member in ISU Championships or Olympic Winter Games.

### Rule 431, paragraph 1

#### Judges Meeting at International Competitions

Judges of International Competitions must attend a Judges Meeting to be held immediately before the beginning of the competition. The exact time and the format of this meeting will be determined by the Referee. However, this meeting shall include at least a brief summary of all topics to be covered in the Initial Judges Meeting and the Pre Event Meeting of ISU Championships, ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games.

## II. Technical Rules

### Rule 504, paragraph 1 c)

#### c) Grade of Execution (GOE)

Each Judge will mark the quality of execution of every element depending on the positive or negative features of the execution and errors on an eleven (11) Grade of Execution scale: +5, +4, +3, +2, +1, Base Value, -1, -2, -3, -4, -5.

As per Rule 353, paragraphs 1.h) (i) and (ii) and 1.i), jump combinations, jump sequences (in Single & Pair Skating) are evaluated as one unit. The guidelines for marking GOEs are published and updated in ISU Communications.

### Rule 504 paragraph 3 b)

Points given by the Judges correspond to the following degrees of the Program Components: less than 1 – extremely poor, 1-1.75 - very poor, 2 - 2.75 - poor, 3-3.75 - weak, 4 - 4.75 - fair, 5 - 5.75 - average, 6 - 6.75 - above average, 7 - 7.75 - good, 8 -8.75 - very good, 9 – 9.75 excellent, 10 - outstanding.

### Rule 520, paragraph 2:

Based on the result of the Short Program/Rhythm Dance, the Competitors placed 1-24 in Single Skating, 1-16 in Pair Skating (1-20 in Pair Skating at World Championships) and 1-20 in Ice Dance only shall qualify for the final Free Skating/Free Dance.

### Rule 610

#### Jump Combinations

In a jump combination, the landing foot of a jump is the take off foot of the next jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but no weight transfer) keeps the element within the frame of the definition of a jump combination. However an Euler (half-loop) when used in combinations between two listed jumps is a listed jump with the value indicated in the SOV.

If the first jump of a two-jump-combination fails to be successful and turns out as a “non-listed jump”, the unit will still be considered as a jump combination.

	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	<b>BASE</b>	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
	-50%	-40%	-30%	-20%	-10%		+10%	+20%	+30%	+40%	+50%
1Eu (Euler)	-0.25	-0.20	-0.15	-0.10	-0.05	<b>0.50</b>	+0.05	+0.10	+0.15	+0.20	+0.25
1Eu<	-0.19	-0.15	-0.11	-0.08	-0.04	<b>0.38</b>	+0.04	+0.08	+0.11	+0.15	+0.19

### Rule 610

#### Jump Sequences

A jump sequence consists of 2 (two) jumps of any number of revolutions, beginning with any listed 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.

#### **Rule 610,**

#### **Illegal/Elements Movements are:**

- somersault type jumps;
- lifts with wrong holds.

#### **Rule 611 paragraph 2 and 3**

#### **The Junior and Senior Short Program Ladies and Men**

b) The Solo jump no longer has the requirement of connecting steps and/or other comparable movements preceding this jump.

#### **Rule 612**

#### **Repetitions:**

Any double jump (including double Axel) cannot be included more than twice in a Single's Free Program (as a Solo Jump or a part of a Jump Combination / Sequence).

Of all triple and quadruple jumps only two (2) can be executed twice. Of the two repetitions only one (1) can be a quadruple jump. If at least one of these executions is in a Jump Combination/ Sequence, both executions are attributed their full numerical value according to the Scale of Value. If both executions are as solo jumps, the second of these solo jumps will be attributed 70% of its numerical value according to the Scale of Value.

Triple and quadruple jumps with the same name will be considered as two different jumps. No triple or quadruple jump can be attempted more than twice.

#### **Rule 620**

The Short Program of Senior and Junior Pair Skating every season includes a solo spin combination with a change of foot, but does not include a pair spin combination.

#### **Rule 621**

#### **2. A Senior Well Balanced Program must contain:**

- maximum of 3 lifts, not all from the same group, with full extension of the lifting arm/s;
- maximum of 1 twist lift;
- maximum of 2 different throw jumps;
- maximum of 1 solo jump;
- maximum of 1 jump combination or sequence;
- maximum of 1 pair spin combination;
- maximum of 1 death spiral different from the death spiral of the Short Program;
- maximum of 1 choreographic sequence.

#### **3. A Junior Well Balanced Program must contain:**

- maximum of 2 lifts, not all from the same group, with full extension of the lifting arm/s;
- maximum of 1 twist lift;
- maximum of 2 different throw jumps;
- maximum of 1 solo jump;
- maximum of 1 jump combination or sequence;
- maximum of 1 pair spin combination;
- maximum of 1 death spiral;
- maximum of 1 choreographic sequence.

### **III. ISU Communication 2168**

The content of this Communication was subject to 57th ISU Congress decisions. It is now confirmed that all items in Communication 2168 remain valid. Below are corrections of small typing mistakes:

Page 8, item 4: correction - 3Lz< has been corrected to 3F<

1. In jump combinations / jump sequences when applying the GOE with the numerical value of the most difficult jump, the signs "<", "e", "V" are taken into account (e.g. 3T with Base Value 4.2 is considered more difficult than 3F< with reduced Base Value 3.98).

Page 12, Lifts: correction - the word "with" has been corrected to "which".

2. - lifts with more than one point of contact which require exceptional balance and control (e.g. "star" lift where the lady is facing away from the man).

#### **IV. Frankfurt Seminar 2018**

The new requirements for promotion of Technical Controllers/Technical Specialists will start from the season 2019/20.

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