



## 2016-17 Ice Dance – Calling Clarifications for Novice and Below

The information in this document can be found in Technical Notification #181 and supersedes TN 166 and the 2015-16 Calling Clarifications for Novice and Below. Deviations from ISU Communication #2003 are noted in blue.

### Novice

**Pattern Dance** – Will be called in accordance with ISU Communications 1998 and 2003.

For a level to be called, at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.

*Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

Required Number of Sequences Not Skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (E)  
Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (H)

**Free Dance** – All elements will be called in accordance with ISU Communications 1998 and 2003 with the exception of the step sequences.

### **Step Sequences**

The not touching step sequence will be called according to Style A specifications and the in-hold step sequence will be called according to Style B specifications, regardless of the order in which they are performed.

### Intermediate

**Pattern Dance** – Will be called in accordance with ISU Communications 1998 and 2003.

For a level to be called, at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.

*Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

Required Number of Sequences Not Skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (E)  
Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (H)

**Free Dance** – All elements will be called in accordance with ISU Communications 1998 and 2003, with the following exceptions:

**Lifts**

Two different group (b) difficult entries for lifts are permitted, and the full doughnut/ring position for the lifted partner will continue to be considered as a difficult position on its own (difficult hold/interaction between partners not necessary).

**Step Sequences**

The step sequence will be called in accordance to Style B specifications.

**Spins and Combination Spins**

Spins and combination spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication 1937 (from 2015-16 season, *without* difficult entries/exits).

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Spin: at least 3 rotations Combination Spin: at least 3 rotations in either part and more than 1 rotation on other part	OPTION 1 2 different Difficult Variations from 2 different Basic Positions  OPTION 2 1 Difficult Variation from any Basic Position	OPTION 1 3 different Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Positions  OPTION 2 2 different Difficult Variations from 2 different Basic Positions	OPTION 1 4 different Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Positions (at least 2 <u>different Difficult Variations</u> being performed by partners simultaneously).  OPTION 2 3 different Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Positions

**Juvenile**

**Pattern Dance** – Will be called in accordance with ISU Communications 1998 and 2003.

For a level to be called, at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.

*Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

Required Number of Sequences Not Skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (E)

Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6075 (H)

**Free Dance** – All elements will be called in accordance with ISU Communications 1998 and 2003, with the following exceptions:

**Lifts**

Two different group (b) difficult entries for lifts are permitted, and the full doughnut/ring position for the lifted partner will continue to be considered as a difficult position on its own (difficult hold/interaction between partners not necessary).

## Choreographic Step Sequence

The choreographic step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It must be visible and identifiable and should be performed by using almost the full ice surface by both partners. The pattern must be clearly recognizable and cover the full ice surface as defined for midline, circular or diagonal.

## Spins and Combination Spins

Spins and combination spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication 1937 (from 2015-16 season, *without* difficult entries/exits).

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Spin: at least 3 rotations  Combination Spin: at least 3 rotations in either part and more than 1 rotation on other part	OPTION 1 2 different Difficult Variations from 2 different Basic Positions  OPTION 2 1 Difficult Variation from any Basic Position	OPTION 1 3 different Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Positions  OPTION 2 2 different Difficult Variations from 2 different Basic Positions	OPTION 1 4 different Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Positions (at least 2 <u>different Difficult Variations</u> being performed by partners simultaneously).  OPTION 2 3 different Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Positions

## Synchronized Twizzles

Basic Requirements: Both partners complete at least one full rotation for the twizzle. The synchronized twizzle will be identified but given no level when one or both partners skate less than one full rotation each.

Calling Specifications:

1. If one or both partners touch(es) the free foot down during the execution of the turn, the level will be assessed in accordance with the number of clean rotations before the touchdown.
2. If the skaters perform a three-turn, check rotation and then start a twizzle, the entry edge and the number of rotations of that twizzle will be counted after the three-turn from the starting edge of the proper twizzle.
3. If there is a full stop before the twizzle, the level of the twizzle will be reduced by one level.
4. Synchronized twizzle executed as a spin or as checked three-turns:
  - If up to one rotation becomes a spin or checked three-turns, the synchronized twizzles will be reduced by one level.
  - If more than one rotation becomes a spin or checked three-turns, the synchronized twizzles will be called Level 1.

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Refer to the following for additional information (all are located in the “Technical Info” section of the U.S. Figure Skating website):

ISU Communication #1998 – Ice Dance

ISU Communication # 2003 – Ice Dance

2016-17 Ice Dance Free Dance Elements for Pre-Juvenile – Senior

2016-17 ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Ice Dance

U.S. Figure Skating Pattern Dance Key Points for Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice

Additional information can be found in the “Technical Info” section on the U.S. Figure Skating website. For all events that use IJS below juvenile, the juvenile calling clarifications will be followed except as noted in Technical Notification #151 or the current rulebook.