

Category: **Ice Dance**

Subject: **Handbooks for Officials 2016/17 – Additional Q&As #3**

Referees and Judges

Questions (Required Elements)	Answers	Comments
While performing Pattern Dance Element Midnight Blues, the couple crosses the long axis during step 7. Should judges take this situation into consideration when applying their GOE?	<u>By exception for the season 2016/17, crossing the Long Axis while performing Step 7 of Pattern Dance Element: Midnight Blues in Senior Short Dance does not constitute a violation of Pattern restrictions.</u>	If the couple is crossing the long axis on Step 7 due to poor skating technique (weak edges, slow speed and poor flow) it is important for the judges to consider the following characteristics when evaluating the GOE for this step and ALL steps of the Pattern Dance Element: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Quality/correctness of Edges/Steps/Turns- Depth of Edges- Correct Pattern