



Technical Notification 189

Dated: September 22, 2016

Re: Calling Clarifications for Adult and Masters Events Judged Under IJS

This notification supersedes Technical Notification #178.

Deviations from ISU Communication #2000 and #2014 are noted in blue.

New information for Adults for 2016-17 is noted in red

SINGLES: Adult Gold, Masters Intermediate-Novice, Masters Junior-Senior

Falls

- The deduction for every fall is 0.5

Spins

- CoSp and CCoSp: A change of position (a minimum of two different basic positions) is required for these spins to be given value.
- U.S. Figure Skating will continue to award eight revolutions (ISU Communication #2000, spin feature #10) once per spin, if executed in a different basic position and/or in a different difficult variation. This feature can be awarded *twice* per program.
- **Spin in one position without change of foot:** If there are not two continuous revolutions in a basic position, the spin will receive Level B (base) provided at least three revolutions in total are achieved.
- **Spin in one position with change of foot:**
 - If there are not two continuous revolutions in a basic position on each foot, the spin will receive no value.
 - If there are not two continuous revolutions in a basic position on one foot, the spin may receive a minimum Level B (base) and a maximum Level 2 depending on features achieved (up to two) and provided at least three revolutions in total are achieved on both feet.
 - If, in a camel or a sit spin, two continuous revolutions in a basic position are achieved on both feet, *even with no other features achieved*, the spin will receive a Level 1. If additional features are achieved, the criteria from ISU Communication #2000 will be applied, i.e.:
 - Basic position achieved on both feet + no feature = Level 1
 - Basic position achieved on both feet + one feature = Level 1
 - Basic position achieved on both feet + two features = Level 2
 - Basic position achieved on both feet + three features = Level 3
 - Basic position achieved on both feet + four features = Level 4
- All other spin criteria from ISU Communication #2000 will be applied.

Jumps

- Rotational and edge errors and any associated V and base values will be applied (ISU Communication #2000.)
- According to the jump repeat rules for specific levels, when two executions of a jump are allowed and one of those must be in combination or sequence, if both are executed as solo jumps, the second one performed will be marked with the sign "+REP".

Choreographic Step Sequence

- There is no required pattern, but the sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It must be visible and identifiable and should be performed by using almost the full ice surface either in its length from short barrier to short barrier (e.g., straight line, serpentine, or similar shape) or twice its width from long barrier to long barrier (e.g., circle, oval, or similar shape). If these criteria are not fulfilled, the element will have NO VALUE. [The sequence may include moves in the field and spirals. Listed jumps may be included within the sequence and will be called by the technical panel.](#)

PAIRS: Adult Gold, Masters

Falls

- [The deduction for every fall is 0.5](#)

Twist Lifts and Lifts

- Twist lifts and lifts will be evaluated in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating well-balanced program requirements for adult pairs and the feature criteria in ISU Communication #2000 for Levels of Difficulty.

Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt)

- There is no required pattern, but the sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It must be visible and identifiable and should be performed by using almost the full ice surface either in its length from short barrier to short barrier (e.g. straight line, serpentine, or similar shape) or twice its width from long barrier to long barrier (e.g. circle, oval, or similar shape). If these criteria are not fulfilled, the element will have NO VALUE. [The sequence may include moves in the field and spirals. Listed jumps may be included within the sequence and will be called by the technical panel.](#)

Death Spiral and Pivot Figure

- The current intermediate pair specifications will apply. See Technical Notification #183 for Levels of Difficulty.

Solo Spins

- The current intermediate pair specifications will apply. See Technical Notification #183 for Levels of Difficulty.
- **Spin in one position, no change of foot:** Spin must have at least two continuous revolutions in a basic position by both partners (at the same time, in the same basic position) to achieve a Level Base. If this requirement is not achieved, the spin will receive no level and no value.

- **Spin in one position with change of foot**
 - Spin must have at least two continuous revolutions in a basic position by both partners (at the same time, in the same basic position) on one foot to achieve a Level Base. If this requirement is not achieved, the spin will have no level and no value.
 - Spin must have at least two continuous revolutions in a basic position by both partners (at the same time, in the same basic position) on both feet to achieve Levels 1-4.
- **Combination spin with/without change of foot**
 - The number of basic positions executed by both partners will be called in accordance with ISU Communication #2000. In addition:
 - The minimum requirement for a Level Base in a solo combination spin with or without a change of foot is only one basic position (two continuous revolutions in a basic position). In the case that two or more positions are clearly attempted, but only one basic position is achieved, the call will be Combination Spin (with a change of foot) Level Base (CoSpB or CCoSpB)
 - **For spins with a change of foot:**
 - The basic position can be executed on either foot.
 - A minimum of three revolutions on each foot is required by both partners.
 - At least one basic position on each foot is mandatory for Levels 1-4; otherwise, the number of positions executed (two or three) does not limit the level of the spin.

Pair Spins (PSp) / Pair Combination Spin (PCoSp)

The current novice pair specifications will apply. See ISU Communication #2000 for Levels of Difficulty.

- **Pair Spin:** If a team elects to perform a pair spin, the V does not apply. One basic position for two continuous revolutions by each partner is required for the pair spin to receive a value.
- **Pair Combination Spin:** This element will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria in ISU Communication #2000. If only two basic positions are executed by both partners, the designation V will apply. The level of the spin is not limited if two or three basic positions are executed by both partners. At least one change of foot and one change of position (two continuous rotations of two different basic positions or their variations) by each partner is required for the pair combination spin to receive a value.

Jumps

- Rotational and edge errors and any associated V and base values will be applied (ISU Communication #2000).

Throw Jumps

- Rotational errors and any associated V and base values will be applied (ISU Communication #2000).

DANCE: Adult Gold, Adult-Pre Gold, Open Masters

Falls

- The deduction for every fall is 0.5

Pattern Dance

- For a sequence/segment to be called, at least 75% of the steps by both partners must be completed.
- 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 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 Difficult Variations from 2 different Basic Position	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 Difficult Variations from 3 different Basic Position

- **Synchronized Twizzle**
 - **Synchronized Twizzle Calling Specifications and Basic Requirements:**
 - **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.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Synchronized Twizzles that do not meet the criteria for Level 2, 3 or 4 requirements but meet the basic requirements for the Juvenile and Adult Free Dance Synchronized Twizzle.	<p>Option 1 Twizzles at least 2 full rotations (for both partners)</p> <p>AND Started with a forward edge (for both partners)</p> <p>Option 2 Twizzles at least 1 full rotation (for both partners)</p> <p>AND Started with a backward edge (for both partners)</p>	<p>Option 1 Twizzles at least 3 full rotations (for both partners)</p> <p>AND Started with a forward edge (for both partners)</p> <p>Option 2 Twizzles at least 2 full rotations (for both partners)</p> <p>AND Started with a backward edge (for both partners)</p>	<p>Option 1 Twizzles at least 4 full rotations (for both partners)</p> <p>AND Started with a forward edge (for both partners)</p> <p>Option 2 Twizzles at least 3 full rotations (for both partners)</p> <p>AND Started with a backward edge (for both partners)</p>