



Technical Notification 16

Pairs Committee – Rule Clarification – Definition of Death Spiral

In ISU Communication No. 1445, further definition was given to the position of the man and the lady in the death spiral in both the short program and free skating. The ISU did not insert the new language into a specific place in its existing definitions. Therefore, the purpose of this technical notification is to advise pair teams, coaches and officials of the following information:

Death Spiral, Pairs Short Program and Free Skating:

Lady's position: the lady's lowest hip and head position should be not higher than the lady's skating knee. Any part of the Death Spiral with a higher lady's position is not valid for Level features.

Man's position: for at least one revolution the man should stay in a low pivot position (this is when his buttocks are not higher than the knee of the pivot foot). A Level of a Death Spiral without one full revolution in the described man's position can not be more than 1.

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