## 2023-24 Rhythm Dance Requirements

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<td>JUNIOR</td>
<td>Music requirements:</td>
<td>2 Sections of the Rocker Foxtrot Steps #1-14, skated in any order or one after the other or separately.</td>
<td>1 Short Lift</td>
<td>1 Step Sequence Not Touching (Style B)</td>
<td>1 Set of Sequential Twizzles</td>
<td>Pattern: Must proceed in generally constant direction and must cross long axis of ice surface once at each end of rink within no more than 30 meters (short axis) of barrier. May also cross long axis at entry and/or exit to Style B step sequence and at entry to pattern dance element. Loops that do not cross long axis are permitted (exception applicable per individual element)</td>
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<td>2:50 +/- 10 sec</td>
<td>&quot;Music and Feeling of the Eighties&quot;: Any music is possible provided it was originally released in the decade of the 1980's. The couple should demonstrate through dance the culture and essence of this decade. The selected music may be remastered.</td>
<td>Step #1 of 1RF skated at the Judges left side.</td>
<td>Skated to any tempo. Pattern must be midline or diagonal</td>
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<td>Step #1-14 of 2RF skated at the Judges right side.</td>
<td>Touching the ice with any part of the body is allowed, but not for longer than 5 seconds.</td>
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<td>The Pattern Dance Element, Rocker Foxtrot, must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the required tempo of the pattern dance: 104 beats per minute +/- 2 beats.</td>
<td>1RF skating in accordance with Rule 707, paragraph 2. Man must skate Man's steps &amp; Woman must skate Woman's steps.</td>
<td>Skated no more than 2 arm lengths apart.</td>
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<td>2RF, the Woman skates Man’s steps and Man skates Woman’s steps (switch tracking/sides on Key Points in recognized hold excluding hand in hand).</td>
<td>Not Permitted: -Retrogression -Loops</td>
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<td>Note: variation of hold is permitted.</td>
<td>Permitted: -One stop up to 5 sec (this will count as one of the permitted stops, must be performed Not Touching)</td>
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<td>Crossing Long Axis is permitted for Steps #5, #6-9</td>
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<td>During program: 2 full stops up to 5 secs or 1 full stop up to 10 secs permitted. A dance spin or choreographic spinning movement that does not travel will be considered as a stop.</td>
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<td>The first step of the dance begins on beat 1 of a musical phrase.</td>
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<td>Separations: Must not separate except to change hold or perform Required Elements requiring separation. Max two arms lengths allowed during such separations. Change of hold and turns as transitional elements must not exceed 1 measure of music. Separations at beginning and/or end of program may be up to 10 secs in duration without restrictions on distance.</td>
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PSI may be skated to any tempo.  

ChRS must be skated to a tempo of 100 bpm minimum | 1 Pattern Dance Type  
Step Sequence (PST), (Style D) | 1 Choreographic Rhythm Sequence  
-Steps: Silver Samba  
steps #9, 9a, 9b to #47  
Woman’s steps and/or Man’s steps skated by either the Man or the Woman or a combination of both provided there is a continuity of prescribed steps always performed by at least 1 partner (starting on step 9 and concluding on step 47).  
No restriction in number of beats per step  
-Hold(s): in contact, any holds permitted  
- Pattern: starts on the judges’ left side with step #9 of the Woman and #9b of the Man and finishing with step #47. May cross the long axis without restriction  
- Separation: 1 permitted for not more than 2 arm lengths and duration not more than 2 measures of music  
-Loop – 1 permitted  
-Retrogression – 1 permitted  
-Stop – not permitted | 1 Short Lift  
Up to 7 secs | 1 Step Sequence Not Touching (Style B)  
Skated to any tempo  
Pattern must be midline or diagonal  
Touching the ice with any part of the body is allowed, but not for longer than 5 seconds  
Skated no more than 2 arm lengths apart  
Not Permitted:  
-Retrogression  
-Loops | 1 Set of Sequential Twizzles  
At least two twizzles for each partner.  
Up to one step in between twizzles.  
(Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between twizzles is considered as a step.)  
Must not be in contact between twizzles | Pattern: Must proceed in generally constant direction and must cross long axis of ice surface once at each end of rink within no more than 30 meters (short axis) of barrier. May also cross long axis at entry and exit to Style B step sequence and at entry to pattern dance element. Loops that do not cross long axis are permitted (exception applicable per individual element)  

Stops: After clock is started with first movement, couple must not remain in one place for more than 10 secs at beginning and/or end of program. During program: 2 full stops up to 5 secs or 1 full stop up to 10 secs permitted. A dance spin or choreographic spinning movement that doesn’t travel will be considered as a stop.  

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