



2025-26 Ice Dance Calling Clarifications for Novice and Below

The information in this document supersedes the 2023-24 Ice Dance Calling Clarifications for Novice and Below.

Deviations from ISU Communication #2716 are noted in blue.

FALL DEDUCTION

The fall deduction for Novice & below is 0.5 per fall

PATTERN DANCE

Reminder: Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion

NOVICE

PATTERN DANCE

Reminder: The choreographic element may come before 1QS or after 2QS.

FREE DANCE

Choreographic Elements

The Choreographic Character Step Sequence (ChSt), if performed, may be performed anywhere in the program, **must be placed around the short axis (within 10 meters on either side of short axis)**, must proceed from barrier to barrier, may be in hold or not touching, touching ice with hand(s) is allowed, distance between partners is permitted as a maximum of 2 arms lengths apart (2 meters). The requirement from barrier to barrier is fulfilled when at least one of the partners is no more than 2 meters from each barrier.

ChLi, ChHy & ChAJ are not permitted in Novice Free Dance.

Reminder: The choreographic element performed in the pattern dance may not be repeated in the free dance. If choreographic element is repeated, technical panel should apply "!" symbol.

INTERMEDIATE

FREE DANCE

Lifts

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).

Spins

Spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication 2716 (*without* difficult entries/exits).

JUVENILE

FREE DANCE

Lifts

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).

Spins

Spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication 2716 (*without* difficult entries/exits).

Partial Synchronized Twizzles (pSTwW+pSTwM)

Basic Principles of Calling:

1. pSTw will be evaluated separately for woman and man with level given for each
2. If a loss of control with additional support occurs after the required element has commenced and the element continues without interruption, its level should be reduced by 1 level
3. If skater performs a three-turn, check rotation and then start a twizzle, the entry edge and number of rotations of that twizzle will be counted after the three-turn from the starting edge of the proper twizzle.
4. Entry edge to twizzle cannot be from a stand-still, otherwise the level will be reduced by one level per stop.
5. Twizzle executed as pirouette or as checked three-turns, reduce by one level

BASE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
Twizzle of 1 full rotation, but with errors	Twizzle of at least 1 full rotation starting from a forward edge	OPTION 1 Twizzles at least 2 full rotations AND Started with a forward edge OPTION 2 Twizzles at least 1 full rotation AND Started with a backward edge	OPTION 1 Twizzles at least 3 full rotations AND Started with a forward edge OPTION 2 Twizzles at least 2 full rotations AND Started with a backward edge	OPTION 1 Twizzles at least 4 full rotations AND Started with a forward edge OPTION 2 Twizzles at least 3 full rotations AND Started with a backward edge

PRE-JUVENILE

PATTERN DANCE

Reminder: There are no key points in pre-juvenile pattern dance.

FREE DANCE

Lifts	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).			
Spins	Spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication 2716 (<i>without</i> difficult entries/exits).			
Partial Synchronized Twizzles (pSTw)	<p>Basic Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both partners complete at least one full rotation for the twizzle. <p>Basic Principles of Calling:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> pSTw will be evaluated as one unit with one level given for the team. If a loss of control with additional support by one or both partners occurs after the required element has commenced and the element continues without interruption, its level should be reduced by 1 level If the skaters perform a three-turn, check rotation and then start a twizzle, the entry edge and number of rotations of that twizzle will be counted after the three-turn from the starting edge of the proper twizzle. Entry edge to twizzle cannot be from a stand-still, otherwise the level will be reduced by one level per stop. Twizzle executed as pirouette or as checked three-turns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If error by one partner, reduce by one level If error by both partners, reduce by two levels 			
	BASE	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	Meets basic requirement of both partners completing Twizzle of 1 full rotation, but with errors	Twizzle of at least 1 full rotation starting from a forward edge (for both partners)	<p><i>OPTION 1</i></p> <p>Twizzles at least 2 full rotations (for both partners) AND Started with a forward edge (for both partners)</p> <p><i>OPTION 2</i></p> <p>Twizzles at least 1 full rotation (for both partners) AND Started with a backward edge (for both partners)</p>	<p><i>OPTION 1</i></p> <p>Twizzles at least 3 full rotations (for both partners) AND Started with a forward edge (for both partners)</p> <p><i>OPTION 2</i></p> <p>Twizzles at least 2 full rotations (for both partners) AND Started with a backward edge (for both partners)</p>
			LEVEL 4	
			<p><i>OPTION 1</i></p> <p>Twizzles at least 4 full rotations (for both partners) AND Started with a forward edge (for both partners)</p> <p><i>OPTION 2</i></p> <p>Twizzles at least 3 full rotations (for both partners) AND Started with a backward edge (for both partners)</p>	

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