

U.S. FIGURE SKATING REPORT
REPORT OF ACTION
taken by the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Jan. 8, 2024

1. APPROVED – Athlete Services Group

Amend rule 1071 (C)(1) (pages 99-100, Rulebook) – IJS Deductions for Singles and Pairs – to reduce all deductions for novice and below.

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

1. In singles and pairs, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:

a. Program time violations:

ii. -1.0 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for ~~novice~~, junior and senior singles and pairs events.

ii. -0.5 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for ~~no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile~~, juvenile, intermediate, and novice singles and pairs events; and -0.5 for every five seconds in excess for all adult gold and higher singles and pairs events.

iii. -0.25 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for preliminary and pre-juvenile singles events; and -0.25 for every five seconds in excess for no test, pre-preliminary, adult pre-bronze, adult bronze and adult silver singles and pairs events.

b. Illegal element violation:

i. -2.0 per violation for junior and senior singles and pairs events.

ii. -1.0 per violation for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult gold and higher singles and pairs events.

iii. -0.5 per violation for no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze, bronze and silver singles and pairs events.

c. Costume and prop violation:

i. -1.0 per program for junior and senior singles and pairs events.

ii. -0.5 per program for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult gold and higher singles and pairs events.

iii. -0.25 per program for no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze, bronze and silver singles and pairs events.

d. Part of the costume/decoration falls on the ice:

i. -1.0 per program for junior and senior singles and pairs events.

ii. -0.5 per program for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult gold and higher singles and pairs events.

iii. -0.25 per violation for no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze, bronze and silver singles and pairs events.

e. Falls in pairs (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):

ii. -1.0 for every fall by one partner, and -2.0 for every fall by both partners in junior and senior pairs events.

ii. -0.5 for every fall by one partner, and -1.0 for every fall by both partners in juvenile, intermediate, novice and all adult pairs events.

f. Falls in singles (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):

iv. In senior singles events: -1.0 each for the first and second falls, -2.0 each for the third and fourth falls, -3.0 each for the fifth and any further falls.

iii. -1.0 for every fall in junior singles events.

iii. -0.5 for every fall in juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult gold and higher singles events.

iv. -0.25 for every fall in no test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze, bronze and silver singles events

g. For every interruption in performing the program:

i. For 11-20 seconds interruption: -1.0 for junior and senior, -0.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.25 for no test through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze;

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- ii. For 21-30 seconds interruption: -2.0 for junior and senior, -1.0 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.5 for no test through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze;
 - iii. For 31-40 seconds interruption: -3.0 for junior and senior, -1.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.75 for no test through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze;
 - iv. After 40 seconds, if the skater/couple has not reported to the event referee, the competitor(s) is (are) considered withdrawn.
 - v. For interruption of the program with allowance of up to three minutes to resume from the point of interruption: -3.0 for junior and senior, -1.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.75 for no test through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze.
- h. Late start (see rule 1322):
- i. -1.0 for junior and senior singles and pairs events
 - ii. -0.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult gold and higher singles and pairs events.
 - iii. -0.25 for pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, adult pre-bronze, adult bronze and adult silver singles and pairs events.

Proviso: There will be a separate proposal to remove the no test level. If that proposal is approved, the deduction rules will be updated accordingly.

Implementation date: for the 2024-25 season

2. APPROVED – Athlete Services Group

Replace the specific deductions in rules 1071 (C)(1) and (2) (pages 99-100, Rulebook) with the language below and amend rules 1322 (A)(1) (page 107, Rulebook), 6911-6914 (pages 199-200, Rulebook), 7911-7914 (page 218, Rulebook) and 8911-8912 (page 270, Rulebook) so specific deductions will exist solely in the Who is Responsible? documents on the Members Only site.

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

C. Deductions are applied for each violation.

- 1. For deductions for singles and pairs, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page and the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page, respectively, on the Members Only site.
- 2. For deductions for ice dance, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- 3. For deductions and reductions in synchronized skating, see rule 9923.

1322 Call to Start: Before each performance, the name of the competitor/team will be called.

A. Singles, pairs and ice dance:

- 1. For IJS events, every singles, pairs and ice dance competitor/team must take the starting position of each segment of the competition (pattern dance, short program, rhythm dance, free skate or free dance) no later than 30 seconds after the competitor's/team's name has been announced. If the competitor/team has not taken their starting position within 30 seconds after their name is announced, the referee ~~will deduct 1.0~~ must take the appropriate deduction (per the current Who Is Responsible for Deductions – IJS Events document posted on the Members Only site). If the competitor/team has not taken their starting position within 60 seconds after their name is announced, the competitor/team will be considered withdrawn.

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6900 Marking of Singles – 6.0 and IJS

6910 Marking of Singles – 6.0 System

6911 The 6.0 system is marked on a scale from 0 to 6, of which:

0.0 = Not Skated	4.0 = Good
1.0 = Very Poor	5.0 = Very Good
2.0 = Poor	6.0 = Outstanding
3.0 = Mediocre	

- A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).
- B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 either in the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.

6912 The chair of the Singles Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Singles Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Singles Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site by July 1 each season.

6912~~3~~ Under the 6.0 system, the judges must penalize clothing not meeting the requirements of rule section 6030 by a deduction ~~of 0.1~~ in the second mark. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

6913~~4~~ **Marking of Singles Short Programs – 6.0 System**

In the singles short program, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see rule 6911). The first mark shall be for technical elements (formerly “required elements”) and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly “presentation”).

- A. For the marking of the technical elements, see rule 6921 (D)(3). In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements and transitions, and speed.
- B. For the marking of the program components, see rule 6923.
- C. Every failure in the technical elements must be reflected only in the first mark, according to the importance of the element failed or omitted and the gravity of the mistake itself, since there is no direct relationship between the first and second marks. However, marks must be deducted for failures in the second mark if the harmonious and artistic aspects of the program are involved.
- D. The execution of a non-prescribed element in place of a prescribed element must be considered as an omission; an additional deduction ~~of 0.2~~ for an extra element should be taken in the mark for technical elements. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- E. When movements which are not allowed are included, deductions must be made both for technical elements and program components. ~~The penalty to be applied should be 0.1 in each mark for each forbidden element performed.~~ For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- F. An element is omitted when it is not tried; the jump combination is omitted when neither one of the two jumps is attempted.
 - 1. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will be considered as omitted in the marking. In the event an element is commenced before but completed after the allowable time duration, appropriate deductions must be made for exceeding the maximum time permitted, but the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit, and also of any program that exceeds the permissible time limit.
- G. A whistle shall be blown by the referee when the allowable time has elapsed, and the judges shall cease judging the performance. If a competitor fails to finish the short program within the time limit, there should be a ~~0.1~~ deduction in the marks for technical elements and program components for up to every 10 seconds in excess. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

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- H. In each of the required spins with less than the required number of revolutions, a deduction of ~~0.1~~ must be made in the mark for technical elements. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- I. ~~Deductions must be made according to the following scale of values:~~ For additional 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

Elements	Failures	Omissions
Jump combination, solo jumps, spins, flying spins and spin combinations	0.1 to 0.4	0.5
Step sequences and spiral sequences	0.1 to 0.3	0.4
Extra or repeated elements	0.2	-

- J. See also rules 1401 and 1402.

69145 Marking of Singles Free Skate – 6.0 System

In the singles free skate, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see rule 6911). The first mark shall be for technical elements (formerly “technical merit”) and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly “presentation”).

- A. In the marking of technical elements, see rule 6921 (D)(3). In addition, the following must be considered:
1. Difficulty of the performance (with no credit given for portions thereof which are missed);
 2. Variety;
 3. Cleanness and sureness;
 4. Speed.
- B. For the marking of the program components, see rule 6923.
- C. Where free skating moves are repeated (i.e. jumps, spins, step sequences), the full value of the move repeated must not be awarded by the judges in the mark for technical elements. The foregoing shall not, however, apply to combinations.
- D. All the elements of a free skate (the jumps, spins, step sequences and particularly the glide, footwork and the difficulty and variety of the steps) must be taken into consideration in the mark for technical elements and be rewarded according to their relative merit as to difficulty:
1. No individual element can be given predominant importance, and the program must be considered as a whole.
 2. Excessive values must not be assigned to triple or quadruple jumps especially when of poor quality. In addition, no extra credit should be given for a poorly executed triple or quadruple jump when compared with a well-executed double jump.
 3. The spins must have the required minimum number of revolutions, the lack of which must be reflected by the judges in their marks.
- E. A program is not considered well-balanced when it contains an extra number or less than the required minimum number of an element, or when it lacks connecting steps between the elements. When a program is not well-balanced, the deduction should be ~~0.2~~ taken from the mark for technical elements for each extra or lacking element. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- F. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.
- G. A whistle shall be blown by the referee when the allowable time has elapsed, and the judges shall cease judging the performance. If the skater fails to finish a free skate within the allowed range of time, there should be a ~~0.1~~ deduction in both marks for up to every 10 seconds lacking or in excess of the prescribed range. For 6.0 deductions, see the Singles Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

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7900 Marking of Pairs – 6.0 and IJS

7910 Marking of Pairs – 6.0 System

7911 The 6.0 system is marked on a scale from 0 to 6, of which:

0.0 = Not Skated	4.0 = Good
1.0 = Very Poor	5.0 = Very Good
2.0 = Poor	6.0 = Outstanding
3.0 = Mediocre	

- A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).
- B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.

7912 The chair of the Pairs Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Pairs Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Pairs Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site by July 1 each season.

7912~~3~~ Under the 6.0 system, the judges must penalize clothing not meeting the requirements of rule section 7030 by a deduction of ~~0.1~~ in the second mark. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

7913~~4~~ **Marking of Pairs Short Program – 6.0 System**

In the pairs short program, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks are awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 as in rule 7911. The first mark is for technical elements and the second mark is for program components. Unison is considered under technical elements and program components.

- A. For the marking of the technical elements, see rule 7921 (D)(3). In addition, the judges must consider the difficulty of the elements and transitions, unison and speed.
- B. For the marking of the program components, see rule 7923.
- C. An element is omitted when it is not tried.
 - 1. Any element commenced after the permissible time allowance will be considered as omitted in the marking. In the event an element is commenced before, but completed after, the allowable time duration, appropriate deductions must be made for exceeding the maximum time permitted, but the element is to be judged as skated. The referee must advise the judges of any element begun after the time limit, and also of any program that exceeds the permissible time limit.
- D. A whistle shall be blown by the referee when the allowable time has elapsed, and the judges shall cease judging the performance. If a team fails to finish the short program within the time limit, there should be a ~~0.1~~ deduction in the marks for technical elements and program components for up to every 10 seconds in excess. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- E. ~~Deductions must be made according to the following scale of values:~~ For additional 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

Elements	Failures	Omissions
Lifts, throw jump, solo jump, spin, spin combination and death spiral	0.1 to 0.4	0.5
Step sequences and spiral sequences	0.1 to 0.3	0.4
Extra or repeated elements	0.2	-

- F. See also rules 1401 and 1402.

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79145 **Marking of Pairs Free Skate – 6.0 System**

In the pairs free skate, for those events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks are awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 as in rule 7911. The first mark is for technical elements and the second mark is for program components.

- A. In the marking of technical elements, see rule 7921 (D)(3). In addition, the following must be considered:
 1. Difficulty of the performance (with no credit given for portions thereof which are missed);
 2. Variety;
 3. Cleanness and sureness;
 4. Speed.
- B. For the marking of the program components, see rule 7923.
- C. All the elements of a free skate (the jumps, spins, step sequences and particularly the glide, footwork and the difficulty and variety of the steps) must be taken into consideration in the mark for technical elements and be rewarded according to their relative merit as to difficulty:
 1. No individual element can be given predominant importance, and the program must be considered as a whole.
 2. Excessive values must not be assigned to triple or quadruple jumps or throw jumps, especially when of poor quality. In addition, no extra credit should be given for a poorly executed triple or quadruple jump or throw jump when compared with a well-executed double jump.
 3. The spins must have the required minimum number of revolutions, the lack of which must be reflected by the judges in their marks.
- D. A program is not considered well-balanced when it contains an extra number or less than the required minimum number of an element, or when it lacks connecting steps between the elements. When a program is not well-balanced, the deduction should be ~~0.2~~ taken from the mark for technical elements for each extra or lacking element. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- E. ~~The minimum penalty to be applied is 0.1 in each mark for each illegal element and 0.1 from the technical elements mark for spins which have less than the required revolutions. Deductions must be taken from each mark for each illegal element and from the technical mark for spins which have less than the required revolutions.~~ For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- F. In pair skating, the accurate performance in unison by the partners must be considered in both the technical element and program component marks. Special attention must be paid to the selection of an appropriate partner. If there is a serious imbalance in their physical characteristics which would result in an obvious lack of unison, it should be reflected in the marks both for technical elements and program components.
- G. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.
- H. A whistle shall be blown by the referee when the allowable time has elapsed, and the judges shall cease judging the performance. If the team fails to finish a free skate within the allowed range of time, there should be a ~~0.1~~ deduction in both marks for up to every 10 seconds lacking or in excess of the prescribed range. For 6.0 deductions, see the Pairs Skating Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- I. See rules 1401 and 1402.

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8900 Marking of Ice Dance – 6.0 and IJS

8910 Marking of Ice Dance – 6.0 System

8911 The 6.0 system is marked on a scale from 0 to 6, of which:

0.0 = Not Skated	4.0 = Good
1.0 = Very Poor	5.0 = Very Good
2.0 = Poor	6.0 = Outstanding
3.0 = Mediocre	

- A. Decimals to one place are permitted as further intermediate values (e.g. 3.8, 4.4, 5.5).
- B. When deserved, a judge may award the mark of 6.0 either in the first mark or in the second mark, but not in both, except for the last competitor.

8912 The chair of the Dance Development and Technical Committee, in consultation with the judging representative on the Dance Development and Technical Committee, will determine the deductions on the Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site by July 1 each season.

8913 Under the 6.0 system, the judges must penalize clothing not meeting the requirements of rule section 8020 by a deduction in the second mark. For 6.0 deductions, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

89124 Marking of Pattern Dances – 6.0 System

For those competitive dance events that are judged under the 6.0 system, the two marks will be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see rule 8911). The first mark will be for the technical score (formerly technique) and the second mark will be for program components (formerly timing/expression).

- A. In marking the technical score, the following must be considered:
 - 1. The conformity of the steps of the dance and their repetition with the dance diagrams and descriptions, which includes the accuracy with which the couple follows the stated requirements for the dance;
 - 2. The placement of the steps of the dance on the ice surface;
 - 3. The movements of the couple in unison including correct body positions, dance holds and good matching;
 - 4. Good style, carriage and form;
 - 5. Soft, flowing, continuous edges and turns skated deeply with cleanness and sureness.
- B. For the marking of the program components, see rule 8922.
- C. Deductions: Marks must be deducted by the judges for the following mistakes ~~violations of the rules as follows:~~
 - 1. Technical Score
 - a. General technical mistake (depending on severity) for each dance: ~~0.1–0.4~~
 - b. Violations of specific technical requirements for each dance: ~~0.1–0.4~~
(~~The degree of the deduction for the infraction depends on the importance of the missed or incorrectly executed element for the specific dance.~~)
 - 2. Program Components
 - a. Skating out of time: ~~0.1–1.0 (maximum for whole performance out of time)~~
 - b. Skating on weak beat: ~~0.1–0.5 (maximum for whole performance on weak beat)~~
 - c. Introductory steps exceed introductory phrasing: ~~0.1–0.2~~
 - d. Inappropriate clothing: ~~0.1~~
 - e. Violations of specific timing requirements for each dance: ~~0.1–0.4~~
 - f. Violation of tempo specification: ~~0.5~~
 - 3. Stumble, fall or interruption: When a stumble, fall or interruption mars the skating of the pattern dance, the deductions are taken from the first mark, technical, and also for program components if the fall or interruption affects the timing and/or expression of the dance.
- D. For 6.0 deductions, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.

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~~D~~E. For falls and stops, see rules 1401, 1402 and 1403.

8913 Marking of Rhythm Dance and Free Dance – 6.0 System

For rhythm dance and free dance competitive events that are judged under the 6.0 system, two marks shall be awarded on a scale from 0 to 6 (see rule 8911). The first mark shall be for technical score (formerly technical merit for free dance) and the second mark shall be for program components (formerly presentation for free dance).

- A. In marking the technical score of the rhythm dance, the judge must consider general technique, including difficulty, originality, variety, cleanness and sureness, skating on edges with depth and flow, pattern and utilization of the ice surface and inclusion of required elements.
- B. In marking the technical score of the free dance, the judge must consider difficulty and variety, cleanness and sureness, depth of edges, flow, ice coverage, typical dance movements/holds and inclusion of required elements.
- C. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will have no value.
- D. A whistle shall be blown by the referee when the allowable time has elapsed, and the judges shall cease judging the performance. If the couple fails to finish a rhythm dance or free dance within the allowed range of time, there should be a ~~0.1~~ deduction in both marks for up to every 10 seconds lacking or in excess of the prescribed range. For 6.0 deductions, see the Ice Dance Rules & Resources page on the Members Only site.
- E. For the marking of the program components, see rule 8922.

Proviso: If this item is approved, the changes from item 1 will be incorporated into the Who Is Responsible? deduction charts on the members Only site.

Implementation date: July. 1, 2024

3. APPROVED – Athlete Services Group

Amend all applicable rules to remove the no test level from singles.

1071 IJS Basic Principles of Calculation – All Skating Disciplines

- C. Deductions are applied for each violation.
 1. In singles and pairs, deductions are applied for each violation as follows:
 - a. Program time violations:
 - i. -0.5 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for ~~no test~~, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate and all adult singles and pairs events.
 - ii. -1.0 for every five seconds lacking or in excess for novice, junior and senior singles and pairs events.
 - b. Illegal element violation: -2.0 per violation
 - c. Costume and prop violation: -1.0 per program
 - d. Part of the costume/decoration falls on the ice: -1.0 per program
 - e. Falls in pairs (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):
 - i. -0.5 for every fall by one partner, and -1.0 for every fall by both partners in juvenile, intermediate, novice and all adult pairs events.
 - ii. -1.0 for every fall by one partner, and -2.0 for every fall by both partners in junior and senior pairs events.
 - f. Falls in singles (see rule 1400 for the definition of a fall):
 - i. -0.25 for every fall in ~~no test~~, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze, bronze and silver singles events
 - ii. -0.5 for every fall in juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult gold and higher singles events.
 - iii. -1.0 for every fall in junior singles events.
 - iv. In senior singles events: -1.0 each for the first and second falls, -2.0 each for the third and fourth falls, -3.0 each for the fifth and any further falls.
 - g. For every interruption in performing the program:

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- i. For 11-20 seconds interruption: -1.0 for junior and senior, -0.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.25 for ~~no test~~ through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze;
- ii. For 21-30 seconds interruption: -2.0 for junior and senior, -1.0 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.5 for ~~no test~~ through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze;
- iii. For 31-40 seconds interruption: -3.0 for junior and senior, -1.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.75 for ~~no test~~ through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze;
- iv. After 40 seconds, if the skater/couple has not reported to the event referee, the competitor(s) is (are) considered withdrawn.
- v. For interruption of the program with allowance of up to three minutes to resume from the point of interruption: -3.0 for junior and senior, -1.5 for juvenile, intermediate, novice and adult bronze and higher; -0.75 for ~~no test~~ through pre-juvenile and adult pre-bronze.

3042 Judges Required for Singles Events at Competitions (valid through Dec. 31, 2023)

The competitions to which reference is made in the following rules are those over which U.S. Figure Skating has jurisdiction. See rule DOR 1.02 (B). Only judges certified by the Judges Management Subcommittee in the international judging system (IJS) may officiate at qualifying competition events employing the IJS. The following judges are required to judge singles and pairs events at nonqualifying competitions:

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS VALID THROUGH DEC. 31, 2023							
Judges Required for Singles Events	Singles/Pairs Judge Classifications						
	Bronze Singles Test Judge (BRZ)	Silver Singles Test Judge (SLV)	Gold Singles Test Judge (GLD)	Nonqualifying Singles Judge (NQ)	Regional S/P Judge (REG)	Sectional S/P Judge (SEC)	National S/P Judge (NAT)
No Test Singles	J	J	J	J(1)	J	J	J

6052 Permissible Time Allowance – Free Skates

Skaters are allowed to finish all free skates (except for pre-preliminary, ~~no test~~, and all adult singles free skate events) within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. The duration of pre-preliminary, ~~no test~~ and adult singles free skate events must not exceed the maximum time allowed, but may be less, provided that all technical elements are included. Any element started after the permissible time must not be marked and will receive no value. Should the program be 30 or more seconds short of the prescribed range, no marks will be awarded. See rules 6914 and 1071 (C) for deductions using the 6.0 system and the IJS respectively for programs that do not finish within the range of time allowed.

~~J. No test free skate: 1:40 max~~

6093 The free skate elements will consist of the following number of elements (note: current and future season requirements can be found on usfigureskating.org):

~~I. No test free skate consists of a maximum of eight elements (max 5 jump elements, max 2 spins, max 1 sequence)~~

6400 Singles Test Qualifications and Age Requirements

For test qualifications for qualifying competitions, see the National Qualifying Series Athlete Handbook. Test qualifications for nonqualifying events must be met by closing date of entries.

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Competitive Level	Minimum Test Qualifications	Age Requirements
No Test	May not have passed any singles tests, but may have passed skating skills tests without restriction.	None

List of Jumps

***A waltz jump counts as a jump element and meets the requirement for an Axel-type jump element for ~~no test~~, pre-preliminary, preliminary and all adult singles well-balanced free skate competition events. For allowable jumps in the corresponding singles tests, please review the individual test requirements in rules 6471 (preliminary), 6481 (pre-preliminary), 6531 (adult gold), 6541 (adult silver), 6551 (adult bronze) and 6561 (adult pre-bronze).

Implementation date: For the 2024-25 season

4. APPROVED – Athlete Services Group

Change the name of the Canasta Tango to the Tango Canasta and the Fiesta Tango to the Tango Fiesta in all rules, guidelines, handbooks, charts, etc.

Implementation date: for the 2024-25 season