

2025-26 DOMESTIC CALLING SPECIFICATIONS

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Synchronized Skating Development and Technical Committee caps the levels for certain elements in the preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, open juvenile, intermediate, masters, open adult, open collegiate, and open masters divisions (*see well-balanced program charts*).

This technical notification clarifies the technical panel calling procedures for elements with **level caps** in the aforementioned divisions.

All other ISU calling specifications, not specifically noted below, will continue to apply.

TECHNICAL PANEL CALLING PROCEDURES FOR ELEMENTS WITH LEVEL CAPS

The technical panel will evaluate the element as executed and identify the level achieved, **irrespective of the level cap**. If the identified level is higher than the level cap, the technical panel will start reducing from the higher level, rather than the level cap. After reductions are applied, the awarded level can be **no higher than the level cap** allowed for the respective element and respective division.

DEFINITION OF ½ THE TEAM FOR TEAMS WITH AN ODD NUMBER OF SKATERS

Round to the higher number to meet the criteria for ½ the team (e.g., eight (8) on a team of 15 or seven (7) on a team of 14), in addition to meeting all other criteria/requirements for the features to be awarded.

¼ OF THE TEAM MAKING AN ERROR IN ANY ELEMENT OR FEATURE

For teams with 16 or more skaters (odd or even number of skaters), "1/4 of the team making an error" will be called as follows:

| Number of Skaters Skating on a Team | ¼ of the Team Making an Error |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 17 skaters | 4 skaters |
| 18 skaters | 4 skaters |
| 19 skaters | 4 skaters |
| 20 skaters | 5 skaters |

For teams with fewer than 16 skaters (odd or even number of skaters), "1/4 of the team making an error" will be called in accordance with the ISU Technical Panel Handbook

MOVE ELEMENT: POSITION REQUIREMENTS

For teams with 16 or more skaters (odd or even number of skaters), the number of skaters required to begin in a basic or difficult fm position for each level will be as follows:

| | ME4 | ME3 | ME2 |
|--|---|------------|---|
| Number of Skaters Skating on a Team | Possible when at least the following number of skaters start in and achieve a difficult fm position | | Maximum level when the following number of skaters or more begin in a basic fm position (or do not achieve a difficult fm position) |
| 17 skaters | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| 18 skaters | 14 | 9 | 10 |
| 19 skaters | 14 | 9 | 10 |
| 20 skaters | 16 | 10 | 11 |

Teams with fewer than 16 skaters (odd or even number of skaters), will be called in accordance with the ISU Technical Panel Handbook.