

Dear Solo Dancers -

This year, the new calling rules will require the technical panel ignore any element if it doesn't meet the requirements for a basic level. (This does not apply to a Choreographic Element). Therefore, you will not see anything appear on the protocol. That doesn't change the total score of your program, it is zero points whether it appears on the protocol or not. Judges may notice an element on their screen to give a GOE to but then during the review process, it may disappear. This is because during the review, the element was deemed to have not met the requirements for a basic level and the judge should not be concerned about the element being removed from the screen.

This rule benefits the skater as there is an opportunity to repeat the element and get a level without having it called an additional element with no value. For example: A skater starts a spin and only gets two revolutions and stumbles out of it. The box for a spin remains empty so the skater could quickly start the spin again and get points for this new attempt. If we called it the way we did last year and said Dance Spin no value, no other attempt could be made and if one was made, there would be a penalty for it.

Choreographic elements are handled differently since they don't have levels.

John