

Hello Solo Dance Community!

While we were able to post the new 2023 handbook sooner than we did last year, we have recently made some pretty significant changes. This is due to the new ISU vote to include Solo Dance as a discipline for international competition that they will endorse. As one of the co-chairs of the international rules committee, I have been lucky enough to get the new ISU rules transferred to our own rules to help make it easier for our skaters to one day take part in some of these events. As a result, this new version of the handbook has some important changes to take note of.

We have always underlined each new rule for a season which we continued this year as well. However, when looking for what is new in this version of the handbook, look for anything highlighted in **yellow**. Those are the big changes between what we posted already and what we have in place now. Things to look for:

New requirements for Free Dance for Junior and Senior levels.

New choreographic elements!

Edge Elements have been adjusted with new calling rules and now go up to level 4.

Jr RD Pattern Dance Element has changed and the PST removed.

The Solo Series Steps and Key Points have been revised for the Silver Tango.

If there are any major changes at the ISU level that we feel are absolutely necessary to change for our rules, we will add them and alert you all but all rules will be final by February 1. We don't however anticipate anything that would change overall program choreography.

We will be holding a webinar on the new rules sometime after the new year and we also will cover this in detail at the Solo Dance Camp in Dallas next February. We will also be holding a technical panel seminar for anyone interested in becoming a Solo Dance TS or TC. We will be posting the basic requirements for this seminar on the Solo Dance page very soon. You can also reach out to me or Carol Wooley, our Solo Dance Subcommittee chair for a copy of the requirements if you're interested but basically if you are 18 or over, and have competed at the Junior or Senior level at the Series Final, you qualify to apply for the school to become a Solo Dance Technical Specialist. We hope many will jump at this new opportunity to become involved in officiating in Solo Dance!

More information on what the ISU plans on holding for events in 2023 will be forthcoming. We are hoping to host at least one here in the U.S. but nothing is final.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience as we move through a very exciting time!

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