

Dear Solo Dancers,

This year, the new calling rules will require the technical panel to ignore any element if it doesn't meet the requirements for a basic level. Therefore, you will not see anything appear on the protocol. This doesn't change the total score of your program ... it is zero points whether the element appears on the protocol or not. Judges may notice an element on their screen to give a GOE to that, during the review process, disappears from the screen. This is because during their review the element was deemed to have not met the requirements for a basic level.

This rule benefits the skater who now has an opportunity to repeat an element and get a level without having it called an additional element for which there is a penalty. For example: a skater starts a spin and only gets two revolutions, stumbling 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. If one was, there would be a penalty for it.

Please read page 42 of the 2023 SD Handbook for information on how Choreographic Elements are Identified and Confirmed.