

CLARIFICATION on Illegal Elements 6/28/23

There are several things that are being interpreted differently by tech panels. Hopefully these notes will make the calls consistent across all the competitions.

Please remember that "Not Permitted" does not mean Illegal. Anything that falls under the "Not Permitted" category is handled by the Judges only. The Tech Panel must ignore these.

An Inside Spread Eagle is not considered an Edge Element unless it's the 2nd part of a Combination Edge Element. This means that when it is done by itself, no matter where, it is ignored as choreography. This would include when an Inside Spread Eagle is done as part of an intro or exit of a pattern dance or variation dance. In these cases it would be ignored and not considered Illegal. In addition, it cannot be considered a difficult exit to an Edge Element as it isn't another Edge Element when done by itself.

An Ina Bauer or any other Edge Element done within the variation portion of a dance is NOT Illegal.

An Ina Bauer done as part of an intro or exit of a pattern dance or variation dance is an Illegal element no matter the length of time held. If there is continuous movement through the Ina Bauer to a turn, it should be considered transitional and not a sustained type of edge, and therefore not illegal.

These rules will be adjusted for next season, but please follow the standard we have set for this year through the Final. For questions, please reach out to John Millier at millierjc@aol.com.