

A. Error correction DURING an event segment:

- a. Who may initiate a correction during this period?
 - i. Technical controller (TC), technical specialist 1 (TS1), or technical specialist 2 (TS2)
- b. What types of errors may be corrected?
 - i. Errors in the application of the well-balanced program requirements and calling standards may be corrected up until the time the event segment results are finalized by the technical accountant.
 - ii. Decisions concerning jump rotation, edge calls, features achieved, and falls may not be changed after the close of the field of play.

B. Error correction AFTER an event segment (Post Event Error Correction):

- a. Who may initiate a correction during this period?
 - i. Chief referee, event referee, technical panel captain, TC, TS1, TS2, affected skater/team/synchronized team representative (the skater/team whose element is to be reviewed), coach of the affected skater/team
- b. What types of errors may be corrected?
 - i. Element identification error
 - ii. Error in data input made by the data operator or accountant
 - iii. Mathematical or calculation error resulting in incorrect calculation such as a computer software error or rule vetting error
 - iv. Error in the application or omission of a jump bonus
 - v. Error in fall entry either number of falls or value of fall deduction
- c. What is the time frame for post-event error correction?
 - i. The post-event error correction process begins with the submission of the Protest/Change Form.
 - ii. The Protest/Change Form must be submitted within the time frame allotted in rule 1503 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.
 - iii. Once the awards ceremony has begun, no post-event error corrections may be initiated.

- d. What is the process for post-event error correction?
 - i. An allowed individual, as defined in section B(a) who discovers a potential error completes the Protest/Change Form and submits it to the event referee within the allotted time frame defined in section B(c).
 - ii. The Review Panel consisting of the event referee, TS1, TS2, TC and DEO convene as soon as is reasonably possible to review the issue. Only the Review Panel shall be present during the review. *(The technical accountant may also be present, if needed to access footage. For the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the event auditor may also be present, if consulted. Neither the technical accountant nor the event auditor will be part of any decisions.)*
 - iii. The Review Panel may only use official competition data consisting of technical panel and/or referee's notes, official video replay clips, and official audio clips. The Review Panel shall have sole discretion to decide which official competition data is necessary to reach a decision.
 - iv. Should the Review Panel determine that an error has occurred, appropriate error correction action will be taken and communicated to all affected by the recalculation of the results by the event referee and chief referee.
 - 1. Correction of the human error or mathematical calculation errors will be made and the results for the segment recalculated if the majority of the members of the Review Panel agree. Consultation of the event referee, chief referee, accountant or technical accountant may occur during this time.
 - 2. If an error is identified and corrected after a draw has been completed which results in a change in subgroups and/or warm-up groups for the next segment, the segment will be redrawn by the chief accountant and referee prior to the next segment's practice. The new subgroups and/or warm-up groups will be posted, and affected competitors will be notified.

Q & A

1. Question: What is the definition of field of play?

Answer: The field of play is defined as the time from when a competitor/team begins their program to the time at which the technical panel has called all the elements and completed all reviews, the judges have submitted their marks, and the accountant has calculated the results.

2. Question: A skater executes a jump that is identified correctly but downgraded. Can the skater/coach challenge this call?

Answer: No. Jump rotation is not a decision that can be changed after the results are finalized.

3. Question: A pairs team executes a triple twist, but it is called a double twist. This error is identified by the team's coach and the IJS Protest/Change Form is filed within 30 minutes of the completion of the event. Can this be corrected?

Answer: Yes. This would be an obvious element identification error.

4. Question: A juvenile skater executes a double Axel but does not receive a 1.0 bonus for the element. Can this be corrected?

Answer: Yes. This would be an error in the application of a jump bonus.

5. Question: The coach for Dance Team A believes that Dance Team B should not have received a level 4 on their rotational lift. Can this coach initiate the review process for this?

Answer: No. 1) The level of an element cannot be changed after the results are finalized, and 2) only the coach of the affected skater/team (Dance Team B) may initiate a review for any potential error.

6. Question: The technical panel determines a skater achieved FSSp4 and CCoSp4. During the next warm-up, technical specialist 2 reviews his/her notes and realizes that the skater did not execute a mandatory feature in the CCoSp, which would result in a lower level on the CCoSp. Can this be corrected?

Answer: Yes. This would follow the error correction during an event as this is an error in applying the calling standards. The requirement that a spin must include a mandatory feature to be awarded a level 4 is being properly applied to the spin based on the features that the technical panel identified during the field of play. The features identified and awarded within in the spin are not being changed. The event segment results have not been finalized, so a correction can be made.

7. Question: During a synchronized skating program, a collision results in multiple falls. Six falls are called by the technical specialist and entered by the data operator. The coach reviews the protocol immediately following the event but had only noted five falls. Can this be corrected?

Answer: Yes. The number of recorded falls may be changed to reflect the accurate number of falls in a program. The review team alone will make the determination alone as to whether an action meets the definition of a fall (a loss of control that results in the majority of the body weight being supported by a part of the body other than the blades).

8. Question: Following the conclusion of the **free skate event** but before the awards ceremony, a pairs team reviews the protocol sheet for their **short program** and realizes that the 3FTh they performed appears as a 3TTh. Can this be corrected?

Answer: No. Although misidentification of an element is a correctable error, protests for a short program must be issued within 30 minutes of the posting of the results for the short program segment. (The same is true for a pattern dance segment or a rhythm dance segment in a combined event.)

PROTEST / CHANGE FORM

Date:	
Competition:	
Event:	
Segment:	
Competitor(s):	
Coach:	

Element Challenged:	
Justification:	
Findings:	
Change:	

Element Challenged:	
Justification:	
Findings:	
Change:	

Element Challenged:	
Justification:	
Findings:	
Change:	

Referee:		Controller:	
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