

Communication 062

Implementation of ISU Communication 1724

As advised at the beginning of May, ISU Communication 1724 (GOEs, Scale of Values, Levels of Difficulty) has come into effect subject to 54th ISU Congress decisions. The changes include the introduction of Choreographic Sequences in free skate, the removal of the required pattern for step sequences, the introduction of a new 'Basic' level for elements and a Base < Scale of Values for under-rotated jumps. Please note that you will now get credit for putting in one feature for spins and step sequences.

While it is not anticipated that there will any changes to the content of ISU Communication 1724, it is possible based on the voting by the delegates at the ISU Congress to be held in mid-June. Any rules that change as a result of the decisions made at Congress will be advised as soon as possible and will come into effect as at 1 August so that skaters and coaches are able to do the competitions in July and then have time to make changes before the NZ competitions start again in mid-August with the Queenstown Invitational/QISC Championships.

Please thoroughly read over ISU Communication 1724 and the 2012 NZIFSA Rules and Regulations. It is the responsibility of coaches and skaters to ensure that their programmes meet the new requirements.

Step, Spiral and Choreographic Sequences

The rationale for inclusion of Choreographic Sequences for Seniors in ISU Communication 1724 was as follows, "to allow more variety in the program". This gives our skaters, coaches and choreographers the licence to get very creative and it will be interesting to see the results of that at competitions, both in NZ and overseas.

There is no longer a Scale of Values for Spiral Sequences. In the grades where the Ladies are given an option of step sequences or spiral sequences (both of which were to be given a Base Scale of Value and evaluated as a GOE by the judges), either option will show up on the protocol as StSqB (Step Sequence Basic) and will have the value of the GOE added to the Base mark. For the Pre Elementary grade, the requirement for one spiral on a bold curve and a step sequence utilising half the length of the ice rink will be evaluated as one element and receive one GOE.

Clarification of Repetition Rule for Primary, Intermediate and Novice Free Skate Rule 229.2

There appears to be some confusion in regards to the jump repetitions allowed in the free skate programme for Primary, Intermediate and Novice grades. The requirements are:

'Only two jumps with two and a half (2 ½) rotations or more can be repeated in a jump combination or in a jump sequence'.

This means that a skater can only repeat a double Axel or a triple jump twice in this level of competition; once as a solo jump and once in a jump combination or jump sequence. Jumps with fewer than 2 ½ rotations can be repeated as many times as a skater wishes up to the maximum number of jump elements allowed as per the requirements for the grade. For example, an

Intermediate Ladies skater is allowed to do a maximum of 5 jump elements, one of which must be an Axel type jump. The skater could do the following jump elements without violating the repetition rule:

1A
2F
2Lo
2F + 2Lo + 2Lo
2Lz + 2Lo

However, a note of caution to the skater and their coach when deciding which jumps to include – too many of the same type of jump does not show variety and, with this much repetition of the 2Lo, is actually an unbalanced programme and would be reflected by the judges in a lower Choreography Component Mark.

Juvenile TES points to qualify for 2012 NZ National Championships

With the changes to the base value and the number of required elements for Juvenile this season, the TES points that a skater must achieve at a Club or Regional Championship is **8.50**. The skater must have achieved this points total in the 2012 NZ competitive season. The Secretary of the skater's Home Club must verify that the points total has been achieved and state at which competition the skater attained the points total on the Club Summary form for entries into the 2012 NZ National Championships.

Correction of Rule 214 in Section 200 of the NZIFSA Rules and Regulations

The table in Rule 214 shows the national titles which can be competed for at the NZ National Championships. As there is no longer a split in the age division for Juvenile, only a maximum age, there is no longer an under 12 and over 12 title for the Juvenile grade. The corrected table of national titles is being distributed with this Communication as a new page to replace page 200-5 in the 2012 NZIFSA Rules and Regulations.

If you have any questions about any of the above points or other technical rules/requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the NZIFSA Technical Director, Sandra Williamson-Leadley, sleadley@xtra.co.nz.

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