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CHANGES FROM 2014 ISU CONGRESS - SINGLES

As previously communicated to all skaters, coaches and officials any rule changes that eventuated as a result of proposals presented at the 2014 ISU Congress will be effective from the 1st July 2014. These changes are **summarised** below.

This communication is a summary of changes and does not replace the official ISU Communications and Regulations that will be released in due time.

Call to Start

All competitors must take their starting position at the latest **30 seconds** after their name has been announced. The first skater in a warm up group is allowed 60 seconds to take the starting position.

If the competitor is between 1 and 30 seconds late to take their position the Referee shall apply a 1.0 deduction. If the competitor is greater than 31 seconds late, the competitor is withdrawn.

Well Balanced Program – Repetitions

As per ISU Rule 512, Paragraph 2, all Junior and Senior singles skaters need to ensure that their Free Skating programs meet the new well balanced programs requirements for repetitions of **double** jumps as described below:

- Any **double** jump including (double Axel) cannot be included more than twice in total in a Free Skate Program (as a Solo Jump or a part of Combination/Sequence). Of all the triple and quadruple jumps only two (2) can be executed twice.
- If a third repeated jump is executed in a combination or sequence, the entire combination or sequence will be treated as an additional element and therefore not considered (but this element will occupy a jump element box if one is empty).

Example:

Element 1 2T

Element 2 2T + 2T (as a combo or sequence)

The elements will be recorded as follows:

Element 1 2T

Element 2 2T* + 2T*

The entire second element will be “thrown out” and manually asterisked in the IJS.

Age limits – Novice Singles

The proposed changes to the upper age for Novice Singles that was to take effect from the 1st July will **no longer** come into effect, the upper age remains as described below:

In International Novice Competitions, a Novice skater has met the following requirements before July 1st preceding the event:

- Has not reached the age of **fifteen (15)**.



Singles – Definition of Choreographic Sequence

The definition of a Choreographic Sequence has been updated for **Singles** as follows:

A Choreographic Sequence consists of any kind of movements like steps, turns, spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydroblading, any jumps with maximum of 2 revolutions, spins, etc. Listed elements included in the Choreographic Sequence will not occupy a box. The pattern is not restricted, but the sequence must be clearly visible.

The Technical Panel identifies the Choreographic Sequence which commences with the first skating movement and is concluded with the preparation to the next element (if the Choreographic Sequence is not the last element of the program). It can be performed before or after the Step Sequence.

This element has a fixed based value and will be evaluated by the judges in the GOE only.

Jump combination – Updated definition

Revised requirements for Jump Combinations is as follows:

In a jump combination the landing foot of a jump is the take-off foot of the next jump. One full revolution on the ice between the jumps (free foot can touch the ice, but no weight transfer) keeps the element in the frame of the definition of a jump combination.

Spin combination – Updated definition

Revised requirements for Spin Combinations is as follows:

Must include a minimum of two different basic positions with 2 revolutions in each of these positions anywhere within the spin: the number of revolutions in positions that are non-basic is counted in the total number of revolutions. Changing to a non-basic position is not considered as a change of position. A change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump. The change of foot and the change of position may be made either at the same time or separately.

Flying Spin – Junior Short Program Singles – Updated requirements

There must be a minimum of eight (8) revolutions in the landing position which must be the same as the flying position. No previous rotation on the ice before the take-off is permitted.

When the flying sit spin is required in the short program, only the prescribed "Flying" position or its variation is permitted, this position must be attained in the air, and changing foot on landing is permitted.

Spin combination – Short Program Singles – Updated requirements

The spin combination must include a minimum of two different basic positions with 2 revolutions in each of these positions (if there are less than three basic positions with 2 revolutions in every position, this will be reflected in the Level of the spin) and only one change of foot with not less than six (6) revolutions on each foot. The change of foot may be executed in the form of a step over or a jump. The change of foot and the change of position may be made either at the same time or separately.



Free Skate Program Length – Junior and Senior

The proposed changes to the Free Skate Program Length **did not pass** and remains as described below:

Senior

Men	4 ½ Minutes
Ladies	4 Minutes
Pairs	4 ½ Minutes

Junior

Men	4 Minutes
Ladies	3 ½ Minutes
Pairs	4 Minutes

Please note that, in addition to the above information and changes, there will be further updates that will be released by the International Skating Union (ISU) through their ISU Communications. It is also the skaters own responsibility to be up to date with all the requirements and rules.