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Adult Interclub Figure Skating Competition

Women, Men, Pairs, Ice Dance and Solo Ice Dance

hosted by Berliner TSC e.V.

with the friendly assistance of the Berliner Eissport Verband e.V.

location: Erika-Hess-Eisstadion Berlin

Müllerstraße 185 in 13353 Berlin, Germany

February 14th – 16th, 2025

1. OVERVIEW

1.1. CONTACT

Please direct all questions regarding the competition by email to:

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Visit our website www.skate-berlin-adults.com

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SkateBerlinAdults

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1.2. REGISTRATION

The expected starting date for the registration is the 15th December 2024, however the registration might be postponed due to organizational reasons. Please follow the updates on our homepage. The registration must be completed by

7th January 2025

Please register online according to the instructions outlined on our website www.skate-berlin-adults.com/registration/.

Please note that entries are limited and registration will close once entry capacity has been reached. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Your registration is complete as soon as your registration fees have been received in our account. The Local Organization Committee will endeavor to open up additional slots for registration in case of withdrawals

IMPORTANT NOTE: Should the competition be oversubscribed, the Local Organizing Committee has the right to stop accepting further registration entries even before the closing date for registration. Furthermore, please notice that certain categories might be cancelled after the registration closes due to organizational reasons.

Further, the Local Organizing Committee retains the right to change the location of the event or to cancel it completely, should the responsible authority deny the right to carry out a public event at the foreseen venue. No travel / other expenses will be refunded to the competitors in case of the cancellation of the event.

Please be assured that the Local Organizing Committee will do its best to announce any potential changes as soon as possible.

The registration fees are as follows:

First Single event (incl. Solo Dance)	€ 80.00 per person
Second Single event (Incl. Solo Dance)	€ 65.00 per person
First Pair / Dance event	€ 100.00 per pair
Second and any further Pair / Dance event	€ 75.00 per pair

(including service fees).

The fees for all single and pair/dance events must be paid at the time of registration. Please consider respective instructions on our website: www.skate-berlin-adults.com/registration/.

The registration fee will generally not be refunded in the case of withdrawals for any reasons, including medical pulls. Solely in case that the event is cancelled as a whole, or a specific category is cancelled, the competitors will receive a refund of the registration fees less any service surcharges which might be retained by the respective financial institution involved in the registration process.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1. PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

The purpose of the event is the promotion of adult figure skating through competition and the enhancement of competition experience in figure skating in Berlin.

2.2. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation in the competition Skate Berlin Adults is open to all skaters who

- are members of a regional skating association which belongs to an ISU member federation
- fit into the age groups in this announcement

IMPORTANT NOTE for DEU skaters:

DEU skaters must hold a yearly license (“aktive Läuferlizenz”) in order to take part in this competition. Please contact your club or DEU directly at (laeufertilizenz@eislauf-union.de) for more information.

2.3. ENTRIES

Skate Berlin Adults competition in 2025 will include the following categories:

- Women and Men Free Skating
- Women and Men Artistic Free Skating
- Pair Free Skating
- Pair Artistic Free Skating
- Ice Dance – Pattern Dance / Rhythm Dance / Free Dance
- Solo Pattern Dance

Competitions in Singles Free Skating and Artistic Free Skating as well as Ice Dance (Pattern Dance and Free Dance) will be held at Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite levels. For Solo Pattern Dances and Ice Dance Rhythm Dance the competition would include Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite levels solely.

Competitions in Pair Free Skating and Pair Artistic Free Skating will be held at Adult and Intermediate levels.

Participation in the Skate Berlin Adults competition in 2025 is open only to competitors who have reached at least the age of eighteen (18) before 1st July, 2024.

Age categories for Women and Men Free Skating events:

Young Adult	skaters born between	1 st July 1996 and 30 th June 2006
Class I	skaters born between	1 st July 1986 and 30 th June 1996
Class II	skaters born between	1 st July 1976 and 30 th June 1986
Class III	skaters born between	1 st July 1966 and 30 th June 1976
Class IV	skaters born between	1 st July 1956 and 30 th June 1966
Class V	skaters born on or before	30 st June 1956

A competitor may skate with only one partner in each discipline (i.e. one partner only for all Ice Dance events and one partner only for all Pair Skating events).

When fewer than 3 skaters register for a singles free skating or artistic free skating event, age categories may be combined to ensure competition. When 25 or more skaters register for the same event, the competition may be divided into two groups according to the age of the skaters. In the event that there are an odd number of skaters, the skater of median age will compete with the younger group of skaters. All age groups can be further divided or put together, depending on the number of registrations. Proof of age must be presented for all competitions. This can be done by presenting a copy of a passport or identity card on site upon registration. Competitors which fail to provide a sufficient proof for the applicability of a specific age category will be denied participation with no refund of the entry fee.

A skater competing after 1st July 2024 in an ISU Championship, International Competition or National Championship of a Member Federation (other than an Adult International Competition or Adult National Championships) or a competition from which a competitor qualifies for the National Championship of a Member Federation (other than an Adult National Championship) MAY NOT participate in this competition.

A skater competing before 1st July 2024 in an ISU Championship or National Championship of a Member Federation or a competition from which a competitor qualifies for the National Championship of a Member Federation MAY participate in this competition.

A skater meeting the age requirements of this competition, who competes in adult-only events (Single Free Skating, Pairs Free Skating, Ice Dance or Synchronized Skating) at a National Championships or competition from which a competitor qualifies for the National Championships of a Member Federation MAY compete in this competition.

All other members of an ISU Member Federation who meet the age requirements may participate.

Skate Berlin Adults is an event which is meant to support and develop adult figure skating in Berlin. Therefore, the Local Organization Committee reserves the right to retain a certain participation quota for local skaters.

2.4. JUDGING

The competition will be conducted according to the current DKB (Deutsche Eiskunstlauf Bestimmungen), ISU provisions (ISU Constitution and General Regulations, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules Single and Pair Skating and Ice Dance, as well as all relevant ISU Communications) and DEU information, as long as nothing else is stated in this announcement.

All results will be calculated according to the ISU Regulations, Rule 353. The special factor of 1.1 for elements starting in the second half, will NOT apply. Please ensure a planned program content (PPC) is submitted for all programs except for the artistic and pattern dance categories.

We kindly request each participating LEV/ISU Member to provide technical specialist, technical controller and/or judges. The arising travelling costs will be reimbursed upon provision of the respective invoices (e.g. hotel) and tickets up as well as prior agreement of the Local Organization Committee. Meals for the judges, technical controllers and specialists will be provided on site.

The registration of the judges, technical controllers and specialists for the competition should be addressed at the earliest convenience to:

Ms. Peggy Sonntag

E-Mail: Peggy.Sonntag@Eissport-Berlin.de or peggy.sonntag@gmail.com

2.5. WARM-UP GROUPS

In the single categories (Free Skating) 6 skaters are permitted in a warm-up group for Gold to Elite and 8 skaters for Bronze to Silver as well as 8 skaters for all Artistic levels. If fewer than 6 skaters are in a category, warm-up groups may be combined (e.g. Silver and Bronze skaters in one warm-up group).

In the pair categories (ice dance and pairs) there will be a maximum of 5 pairs in a warm-up group. Different categories may be combined for Pairs events as well as Ice Dance Rhythm Dance and Free Dance (e.g. Bronze and Silver ice dance pairs in one warm-up group).

The warm-up duration is:

- 6 minutes for Pairs Intermediate Free Skating
- 5 minutes for Singles und Pairs Adult Free Skating, Rhythm Dance, Free Dance
- 4 minutes for all Artistic Free Skating events and
- 3 minutes for Pattern Dance (Couples and Solo).

Skaters have 30 seconds from the time their name is called to take their starting position.

2.6. CLASSIFICATION OF LEVELS

It is recommended that competitors will enter at a level appropriate to their current skating ability.

Entries may be reviewed prior to announcement of the schedule to ensure the integrity of the competition.

Competitors are not obliged to enter the same level as in previous years.

The Masters Elite category is intended for those skaters who competed previously at the junior or senior level in national or international competition but is not mandatory for such skaters.

An entry in an artistic category may be at the same level or one level higher (not lower) than the entry in an event of any other category. For example, a skater may enter the Silver Free Skating event and then the Gold Artistic Free Skating event.

Ice dancers or pair skaters who want to enter the artistic free skating category should enter at a level appropriate to their skating skills. For example, those competing at the Silver Pattern Dance level could enter the Silver or the Gold Artistic Free Skating event.

If a pair/dance team is formed of skaters having different skill levels, it is expected that they will enter at the level of the more skilled skater.

An entry in Pattern Dance may be at one level higher (not lower) than an entry in the other Dance events. Rhythm Dance and Free Dance entries must be at the same level.

2.7. AWARDS/CERTIFICATES

The first three places in each category will receive an award. No prize money will be awarded to the competitors.

2.8. PHOTO AND VIDEO

Upon the registration for the event members, teams and competitors irrevocably acknowledge and consent to the fact that photographs and video recordings as well as competitor name and results can be published in full or in part off- and online (including but not limited to our website, Instagram, Facebook and X).

2.9. LIABILITY

The organizers of the competition do not accept liability for damage or injury incurred by participants or officials during the event. Participants have to agree to a declaration of liability during the registration process.

In accordance with ISU Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each participant, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance. Such insurance must assure full medical assistance and also the return of the ill or injured person to the home country by air transport or by other expeditious means. The Local Organizing Committee will provide medical services for all competitors and officials during competition.

3. COMPETITION

The Skate Berlin Adults Competition has the following categories:

- Women and Men Free Skating
- Women and Men Artistic Free Skating
- Pair Free Skating
- Pair Artistic Free Skating
- Ice Dance – Pattern Dance / Rhythm Dance / Free Dance
- Solo Pattern Dance

3.1. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

For the technical requirements we refer to the [Technical Requirements for ISU Supported Adult Figure Skating Competitions for 2024-2025](#) season dated 6th August 2024, which is attached hereto in the Appendix.

3.2. PRACTICE

The Local Organization Committee will make all reasonable efforts in order to offer short competition practice on the day of the respective events. However, the practice cannot be guaranteed as the availability of the ice rink for practice depends on the currently outstanding decision of the municipal authorities.

Timetable for the potential practice will be announced on our homepage and/or via Sportity App after the registration is closed.

3.3. DRAW

The electronical draw will take place in the evening before the respective event. The starting orders will be communicated via our homepage and/or Sportity App.

3.4. PLANNED PROGRAMM CONTENT

All competitors are requested to submit their Planned Programm Content Form according to the instructions provided on our homepage. The deadline for submission is January 15th 2025.

3.5. MUSIC

We need your music file in **.mp3** format. **You are requested to upload your music via our website prior to the competition.** The time window and upload link for uploading your music will be announce via our website. It is crucial that you label your .mp3 file as advised on the website with your category and name. Titles like “unknown” cannot be accepted. Please bring along a backup file either in a CD or USB stick or on a mobile phone. In case the backup file is on a mobile phone, it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes.

An appropriate adapter (USB-C, Apple Lightning) must be provided with the phone if it does not have a standard 3.5mm headphone jack. The phone should be presented to the music official with music ready to play. Please note that this is only a backup options and does not replace the music upload.

Please label your .mp3 file:

LAST NAME – FIRST NAME – CATEGORY – LEVEL – AGE GROUP

LEVEL	can be Bronze, Gold, Masters, Masters Elite, Intermediate (for Pair Skating), Adult (for Pair Skating).
AGE GROUP	can be Women I, Women II, Women Young Adult, Men I, Men II, Men Young Adult, ...
CATEGORY	can be Free Skating, Artistic Free Skating, Pair Free Skating, Pair Artistic Skating, Pair Pattern Dance, Pair Rhythm Dance, Pair Free Dance, Solo Pattern Dance

Examples:

- Public - Jane – Free Skating – Masters Elite – Women Young Adult
- Doe – John – Artistic Free Skating – Gold – Men II
- Public_Doe – Jane_John – Pair Artistic Skating – Intermediate
- Public_Doe – Jane_John – Pair Rhythm Dance – Bronze

4. TIPS

4.1. RINK

The competition will take place in

**Erika-Hess-Eisstadion
Müllerstrasse 185
13353 Berlin, Germany**

The ice surface is 60 x 30 meters and has protective plastic screens on the sides.

Please note that the location can change in case the responsible authority denies the right to carry out a public event at the foreseen venue and an alternative rink is available. In that case, all participants will be informed.

4.2. TRAVEL

The rink is located in Berlin-Mitte close to the underground station U-Bahnhof Reinickendorfer Strasse (line U6) and subway station S-Bahnhof Wedding (line S41/S42). There are a limited number of parking places at the rink.

4.3. REGISTRATION

All competitors are requested to register upon the arrival at the ice rink, not later than one hour prior to the start of the event they entered. In case a competitor fails to register timely,

he/she/they will be considered as withdrawn from the event without compensation of the entry fees.

The envisaged office hours of the registration office are:

Friday	February 14 th 2025	8 am – 8 pm
Saturday	February 15 th 2025	8 am – 6 pm
Sunday	February 16 th 2025	8 am – 3 pm

Times are subjected to change. Please refer to the website for any updates.

4.4. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

All results will be available on our website www.skate-berlin-adults.de .

4.5. ADMISSION

The public viewers are welcome. Entrance to the competition is free.

The local organization committee reserves the right to limit the number of spectators on site and to deny access to any further spectators if this is required by the competent authority as a precondition for the event to take place.

5. APPENDIX



INTERNATIONAL ADULT FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

**Technical Requirements for
ISU Supported Adult Figure Skating Competitions**

2024-2025 Season

Updated August 6, 2024

Note: This Announcement is valid for the International Adult Figure Skating Competitions in Calgary, Alberta, Canada September 18-21st, 2024 and Oberstdorf, Germany June 29th-July 4th, 2025.

This Announcement has been revised following the ISU Congress in June 2024. Changes or additions from the last version (February 2024) are highlighted in yellow.

Please review this Announcement to ensure you have the most current information for your category or categories.

**International Adult Figure Skating Competitions
For
Men, Women, Pairs, Ice Dance and
Synchronized Skating**

**Competitions under the Authorization and Support of the
INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION**



NOTE:

This Announcement applies to the ISU supported International Adult Figure Skating Competitions:

- North America – Calgary, Alberta, Canada September 18-21, 2024
- Oberstdorf, Germany June 29th-July 4th, 2025.

The Local Organizing Committees for each of these competitions reserve the right to cancel on short notice this ISU supported International Adult Figure Skating Competition due to any pandemic situation, the decisions of the national and/or local Health Authorities, and various international travel/quarantine restrictions.

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Section 1: General

The International Adult Figure Skating Competitions for the 2024-2025 Season will be conducted in accordance with the ISU Constitution and General Regulations, the ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules Single & Pairs Skating and Ice Dance, the Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating, all pertinent ISU Communications, and this Announcement.

If there is a conflict between pertinent ISU Regulations or Communications and provisions set forth in this Announcement, **the provisions set forth in this Announcement shall prevail, provided there are no special comments made for Adult Skating Competitions within such ISU Communications.**

The International Adult Figure Skating Competitions are considered “International Masters/Adult Competitions” as per Rule 107(12) of the ISU General Regulations. Participation in this International Adult Figure Skating Competition is open to all skaters who belong to an ISU Member, and qualify with regard to eligibility, according to Rule 102, provided their ages fall within the limits specified in this Announcement and they meet the participation requirements.

A competitor must be an individual member of an ISU Member, or a member of a club that is itself a member of an ISU Member. Competitors do not require any clearance certificate or any other permission from their ISU Member to enter the competition. Competitors must enter themselves. A competitor may enter as a member of only one ISU Member. In the case of Pair Skating and Ice Dance, both competitors in a team must enter as members of the same ISU Member.

Membership Details: All participants must also submit a copy of their photo ID together with confirmation of their membership of an ISU member federation (or a club which is a member of an ISU member federation). This form will be sent to all registered skaters prior to the competition.

Liability: In accordance with Rule 119, it is the sole obligation of each participant, as defined in Rule 107, to provide medical and accident insurance. Such insurance must ensure full medical assistance and the return of the ill or injured person to their home country by air transport or by other expeditious means.

The Local Organizing Committees will provide medical services for all competitors and officials during practice and competition.

The International Adult Figure Skating Competitions for the 2024-2025 Season will include the following categories:

- Women and Men Free Skating
- Women and Men Artistic Free Skating
- Pair Free Skating
- Pair Artistic Free Skating
- Ice Dance – Pattern Dance
- Ice Dance – Rhythm Dance
- Ice Dance – Free Dance
- Synchronized Skating

The competition in Calgary will additionally include Solo Pattern Dance.

Section 2. Entries

Participation in the Free Skating, Pair Free Skating, Artistic Free Skating, Pair Artistic Free Skating and Ice Dance disciplines at the International Adult Figure Skating Competitions is open only to competitors who have reached at least the age of twenty-eight (28) before 1st July 2024.

Age categories for Women and Men Free Skating events:

Class I	participants born between	1 st July 1986 and 30 th June 1996
Class II	participants born between	1 st July 1976 and 30 th June 1986
Class III	participants born between	1 st July 1966 and 30 th June 1976
Class IV	participants born between	1 st July 1956 and 30 th June 1966
Class V	participants born on or before	30 th June 1956

For Synchronized Skating, at least three quarters (75%) of team members (not including alternates/reserves) must have reached at least the age of twenty-eight (28) before 1st July 2024. The remaining members of a team must have reached at least the age of twenty-five (25) before 1st July 2024.

A Synchronized Skating team must be entered by a team representative and may include up to one-quarter (25%) team members who are citizens of the country of another ISU Member, on the condition that permission is obtained from the ISU Member of the country of which the team member is a citizen. Such team members may compete under only one ISU Member in the same year.

A skater competing after 1st July 2024 in an ISU Championship, International Competition or National Championship of a Member Federation (other than an Adult International Competition or Adult National Championships) or a competition from which a competitor qualifies for the National Championship of a Member Federation (other than an Adult National Championship) MAY NOT participate in this competition.

A skater competing prior to 1st July 2024 in an ISU Championship or National Championship of a Member Federation or a competition from which a competitor qualifies for the National Championship of a Member Federation MAY participate in this competition.

A skater meeting the age requirements of this competition, who competes in adult-only events (Single Free Skating, Pairs Free Skating, Ice Dance or Synchronized Skating) at a National Championships or competition from which a competitor qualifies for the National Championships of a Member Federation MAY compete in this competition.

All other members of an ISU Member Federation who meet the age requirements may participate.

**A competitor who participates in an ISU international adult figure skating competition shall no longer be eligible to participate in an ISU sanctioned senior international competition, as specified in ISU Rule 107, except with the express authorization of the ISU council.

Section 3. **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

In the event the competition is oversubscribed, the Local Organizing Committee reserves the right to stop accepting further entries even before the entry closing date. Entry will be on a first come, first served basis.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL COMPETITORS

- It is recommended that competitors will enter at a level appropriate to their current skating ability.
- Entries may be reviewed prior to announcement of the schedule to ensure the integrity of the competition.
- Competitors are not obliged to enter the same level as in previous years.
- The Masters Elite category is intended for those skaters who competed previously at the junior or senior level in national or international competition but is not mandatory for such skaters.
- Details on Music submission will be provided by the Local Organizing Committee for each event. However, please ensure that the filename includes the surname of the skater and the event and the exact running time (not skating time). All skaters are required to bring a back-up copy of their music and have it at the boards.
- A Music Form must be submitted by all participants except in the case where ISU music will be used for pattern dance. This form will be sent to all registered skaters prior to the competition.
- Any program violating the time limit set out in this Announcement will receive a deduction of 1.0 for every 5 seconds or part thereof lacking or more than the permitted time.
- Skaters have 30 seconds from the time their name is called to take their starting position.
- The Program and time clock will start with the first movement by the skater/pair or 5 seconds after the start of their music.
- Competitors will be required to submit a Planned Program Content Form for men and women free skating, pair free skating, rhythm dance, free dance and synchronized skating. This form will be available to all registered skaters prior to the competition.
- Based on ISU Rule 501(1), competitors should note the following regarding appropriate clothing. Clothing and any make-up of the competitors must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition – not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen. The clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline. Men must wear full-length trousers. Accessories and props are not permitted. Clothing that does not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized by a deduction. The deduction for inappropriate clothing, make-up, props and accessories (1.0) will be determined by a majority of the judges and the referee.
- The LOC will decide how to conduct the medal ceremonies at the end of each day's competition. Eg: only the top 3 competitors or if all competitors will be invited onto the ice for the victory ceremony.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SINGLE SKATERS

- Competitions in Free Skating and Artistic Free Skating will be held at Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite levels.
- An entry in an artistic category may be at the same level or one level higher (**not lower**) than the entry in an event of any other category. For example, a skater may enter the Silver Free Skating event and then the Gold Artistic Free Skating event.
- Ice dancers or pair skaters who want to enter the artistic free skating category should enter at a level appropriate to their skating skills. For example, those competing at the Silver Pattern Dance level could enter the Silver or the Gold Artistic Free Skating event.
- When 25 or more skaters register for the same event, the competition may be divided into two groups according to the age of the skaters. If there are an odd number of skaters, the skater of median age will compete with the younger group of skaters.
- When fewer than 3 skaters register for a singles Free Skating or Artistic Free Skating segment, age categories may be combined wherever possible to ensure competition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR PAIR SKATERS

- Competitions in Pair Free Skating and Pair Artistic Free Skating will be held at Adult, Intermediate, Masters and Masters Elite levels.
- Each pair team must consist of one man and one woman.
- Each skater may compete with only one and the same partner in the Pair Skating competitions.
- An entry in Pair Artistic Free Skating may be at one level higher (**not lower**) than an entry in Pair Free Skating.
- Coaches and their students are welcome to compete in all events, however, this competition does not have a PRO-AM category.
- If a pair team is formed of skaters having different skill levels, it is expected that they will enter at the level of the more skilled skater. Further guidance in this respect can be obtained by contacting the ISU Adult Figure Skating Group (contact information at end of document).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ICE DANCERS

- Competitions in Pattern Dance and Free Dance will be held at Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite levels.
- Competitions in Rhythm Dance will be held at Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite levels. **The Adult Rhythm Dance category is now called Silver Rhythm Dance.**
- **An entry in Pattern Dance may be at one level higher (not lower) than an entry in the other Dance events. Rhythm Dance and Free Dance entries must be at the same level.**
- Each dance team must consist of one man and one woman. The man must skate the man's steps and the woman must skate the woman's steps (unless otherwise indicated – as per the season's Rhythm Dance).
- Each skater may compete with only one and the same partner in the Ice Dance competitions.
- Coaches and their students are welcome to compete in all events. However, this competition does not have a PRO-AM category.
- If a dance team is formed of skaters having different skill levels, it is expected that they will enter at the level of the more skilled skater. Further guidance in this respect can be obtained by contacting the ISU Adult Figure Skating Group (contact information at end of document).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATERS

- Competitions in Synchronized Skating will be held at the **Adult and Masters Levels**.
- The **Adult category** is for teams whose programs are intended to meet a more basic level of skating and for skaters who have mainly started skating as adults.
- The **Masters category** is for teams formed of former higher level/competitive skaters in any discipline, and for higher-level national test skaters.
- Further guidance in this respect can be obtained by contacting the ISU Adult Figure Skating Group (contact information at end of document).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THOSE NEW TO COMPETITIONS

- It is recommended that you go to the ISU website and review the technical handbooks re: regulations on free skating, pair skating and ice dance. [ISU Technical Singles/Pairs Handbooks](#), [ISU Ice Dance Handbooks](#), and [ISU Synchronized Skating Handbooks](#).
- When the music starts and you believe it is not your music or the correct version of your music, do not start your program. Go to the referee immediately and follow his/her instructions. **Do not leave the ice unless instructed to do so.**
- Always have back up music ready at the side of the ice so it is immediately accessible.
- Always arrive ahead of your scheduled competition event – it is recommended that you are at the rink an hour early and are prepared to go on the ice as the schedule may change.
- Check in with the ice monitor/rink captain to see if the competition is running on time. This is also a good time to double check where you skate within the warm-up group.
- Skaters "call to the ice" does not have to follow the start order.

Section 4: Technical Requirements – Free Skating

Free Skating Masters Elite

Skaters entering this category will compete against other Masters Elite Free skaters. The technical requirements are the same as those for the category "Masters Free Skating." with the exception that triple jumps are permitted. The Masters Elite category is intended for skaters who competed previously at the junior or senior level in national or international competition but is not mandatory for such skaters. It is also open to skaters who wish to include double axel and/or triple jumps in the free skating program.

Free Skating Masters

A competitor in the Masters Free Skating event must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a.
 - A maximum of **five (5) jump elements**, one of which must be an Axel type jump. **Single and double jumps are permitted.** No triple or quadruple jumps are allowed.
 - There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence in the free program.
 - One (1) jump combination or one (1) jump sequence may consist of up to three (3) listed jumps. The other may have two (2) listed jumps.
 - A jump sequence consists of two (2) or three (3) listed jumps of any number of revolutions, in which the second and/or the third jump is an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump into the take off curve of the Axel jump.
 - Each listed jump may be performed a maximum of two (2) times.

- b. A maximum of three (3) spins of a different abbreviation, one (1) of which must be a spin combination with a change of foot and one (1) of which must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance.
 - The spins must have a required minimum number of revolutions: five (5) for any spin with no change of foot, and eight (8) for any spin with a change of foot.
 - A spin that has no basic position with 2 revolutions will receive no value, however a spin with less than three rotations in total is considered as a skating movement and not a spin.
 - Spin combinations must include a minimum of two (2) different basic positions with two (2) revolutions in each of these positions anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a spin combination must include all three (3) basic positions.
 - All spins with change of foot must have at least 3 revolutions on each foot. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the spin will be marked with a V.

- c. A maximum of one (1) step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface.
 - The program duration is 3 minutes +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.67.
 - Features up to and including Level 4 will be counted for the technical elements.
 - The warm-up duration is six (6) minutes.
 - Each fall shall receive a deduction of 1.0.

Free Skating Gold

A competitor in the Gold Free Skating event must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of five (5) jump elements, consisting of single jumps (including the single Axel) or double jumps. **Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel and triple jumps are not permitted.** There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence in the free program.
 - One (1) jump combination or one (1) jump sequence may consist of up to three (3) listed jumps. The other may have two (2) listed jumps.
 - A jump sequence consists of two (2) or three (3) listed jumps of any number of revolutions, in which the second and/or the third listed jump is an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump into the take off curve of the Axel jump.
 - Each listed jump may be performed a maximum of two (2) times.

- b. A maximum of three (3) spins of a different abbreviation, one (1) of which must be a spin combination with a change of foot and one (1) of which must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance.
 - The spins must have a required minimum number of revolutions: four (4) for any spin with no change of foot, and eight (8) for any spin with a change of foot.
 - A spin that has no basic position with 2 revolutions will receive no value.
 - Spin combinations must include a minimum of two (2) different basic positions with two (2) revolutions in each of these positions anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a spin combination must include all three (3) basic positions.
 - All spins with change of foot must have at least 3 revolutions on each foot. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the spin will be marked with a V.

- c. A maximum of one (1) step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface.
 - The program duration is 2 minutes and 50 seconds +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.67.
 - Only features up to and including Level 3 will be counted for the technical elements. Any additional features will not count for level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
 - The warm-up duration is six (6) minutes.
 - Each fall shall receive a deduction of 1.0.

Free Skating Silver

A competitor in the Silver Free Skating event must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of **four (4) jump elements**, consisting of any single jumps (including the single Axel). **Double jumps and triple jumps are not permitted.**
 - There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence.
 - One (1) jump combination or one (1) jump sequence may consist of up to three (3) listed jumps. The other may have two (2) listed jumps.
 - A jump sequence consists of two (2) or three(3) jumps of any number of revolutions, in which the second and/or the third jump is an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump into the take off curve of the Axel jump.
 - Each listed jump may be performed a maximum of two (2) times.

 - b. A maximum of two (2) spins of a different abbreviation.
 - The spins must have a required minimum number of revolutions: four (4) for any spin with no change of foot, and six (6) for any spin with a change of foot.
 - A spin that has no basic position with 2 revolutions will receive no value.
 - Spin combinations must include a minimum of two (2) different basic positions with two (2) revolutions in each of these positions anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a spin combination must include all three (3) basic positions.
 - All spins with change of foot must have at least 3 revolutions on each foot. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the spin will be marked with a V.
 - Only features up to and including Level 2 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

 - c. A maximum of one (1) choreographic sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface
 - The pattern is not restricted but the sequence must be clearly visible.
 - A choreographic sequence has a base value and will be evaluated by the judges in GOE only.
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- The program duration is 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
 - The warm-up duration is five (5) minutes.
 - Each fall shall receive a deduction of 0.5.

Free Skating Bronze

A competitor in the Bronze Free Skating event must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of four (4) jump elements, consisting only of single jumps. **Axel type jumps, double jumps and triple jumps are not permitted.** There may be one (1) jump combination in the free program.
 - The jump combination may consist of two (2) listed jumps.
 - Each listed jump may be performed a maximum of two (2) times.
 - **Waltz jumps will be ignored.**

 - b. A maximum of two (2) spins of a different abbreviation, both of which must be a spin in one position with or without a change of foot. **Flying spins are not permitted.**
 - The spins must have a required minimum number of revolutions: three (3) for any spin with no change of foot, and six (6) with a change of foot.
 - A spin that has no basic position with 2 revolutions will receive no value.
 - All spins with change of foot must have at least 3 revolutions on each foot. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the spin will be marked with a V.
 - Only features up to and including Level 1 will be counted. Any additional features will not count for level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.

 - c. A maximum of one (1) choreographic sequence utilizing at least half (1/2) of the ice surface.
 - The pattern is not restricted but the sequence must be clearly visible.
 - A choreographic sequence has a base value and will be evaluated by the judges in GOE only.
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- The program duration is 1 minute and 40 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
 - The warm-up duration is five (5) minutes.
 - Each fall shall receive a deduction of 0.5.

Section 5: Technical Requirements – Pair Free Skating

Pair Free Skating Masters Elite

Pairs entering this category will compete against other Elite Masters Pair skaters. The technical requirements are the same as those for the category “Masters Pair Skating” with the exception that triple jumps are allowed.

Pair Free Skating Masters

Masters pairs must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of three (3) different lifts, one of which may be a twist lift.
 - In lifts of Group 1 and Group 2, the man’s lifting hand(s) should be above his shoulder line.
 - In lifts of Groups 3–4-5, full extension of the lifting arm(s) is mandatory.
 - Two or more lifts may be from the same group if the takeoff and/or the hold is different each time.
- b. A maximum of two (2) throw jumps (single or double).
- c. A maximum of one (1) solo jump. Single and double jumps are permitted.
- d. A maximum of one (1) jump combination with a maximum of three (3) listed jumps or one (1) jump sequence.
 - A jump sequence consists of two (2) jumps of any number of revolutions, in which the second jump is an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump into the take off curve of the Axel jump.
- e. A maximum of one (1) pair spin (pair spin or pair spin combination).
 - The spin must have a required minimum number of revolutions: four (4) revolutions for a pair spin and six (6) for a pair spin combination. A pair spin combination must have a change of foot by both partners with at least three (3) revolutions on each foot **and** at least one (1) change of position by both partners. A Pair Combination Spin can be started with a jump. Any flying entry can be considered as a feature by either partner. If there are not 3 revolutions before or after the change of foot executed by both partners, the Pair Spin Combination will be marked with a “V”. If there are less than 3 revolutions on both feet by either partner, the spin will have no value.
 - A pair spin is any spin with no change of foot and does not require a change of position by one or both partners. Change of positions may be used for a level feature.”
 - There must be a minimum of two (2) revolutions in each position or the position will not be counted.
- f. A maximum of one (1) solo spin.
 - The solo spin must have a required minimum number of revolutions: five (5) for the flying spin with no change of foot after landing, five (5) for the spin with only one position and no change of foot and five (5) for the spin combination with no change of foot and eight (4 + 4) for the spin combination with change of foot or spin in one position with a change of foot.
 - There must be a minimum of two (2) revolutions in each position or the position will not be counted.
 - Spin combinations must include a minimum of two (2) different basic positions with two (2) revolutions in each of these positions anywhere within the spin. To receive full value, a spin combination must include all three (3) basic positions.
- g. A maximum of one (1) death spiral or pivot figure (position of the woman optional).
 - At least $\frac{3}{4}$ revolution in pivot position by the man is required for the death spiral.
 - At least one revolution in pivot position by the man is required for pivot figure.
- h. A maximum of one (1) step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface.
 - The program duration is 3 minutes and 30 seconds +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.67.
 - Features up to and including Level 4 will be counted for the technical elements.
 - The warm-up duration is six (6) minutes.
 - Each fall by either skater shall receive a deduction of 1.0.

Pair Free Skating Intermediate

Pairs must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of two (2) different lifts of Group 1 or Group 2 with a minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ revolution for the man and 1 revolution for the woman.
 - The man's lifting hand(s) should be above his shoulder line.
 - Variations of the woman's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are **not** permitted.
 - Lifts of Groups 3-4-5 are **not** permitted.
 - Twist lifts are **not** permitted.
 - **Both lifts may be from the same group if the takeoff and/or the hold is different.**

- b. A maximum of one (1) single throw jump (including the throw single Axel).
 - Double and triple jumps are **not** permitted.

- c. A maximum of one (1) solo single jump (including the single Axel).
 - Double and triple jumps are **not** permitted.

- d. A maximum of one (1) jump combination with a maximum of three (3) listed jumps or one (1) jump sequence.
 - A jump sequence consists of two (2) listed single jumps, beginning with any jump, immediately followed by an Axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump to the takeoff curve of the Axel jump.
 - Only single jumps are allowed (including the single Axel).
 - Double and triple jumps are **not** permitted.

- e. A maximum of one (1) pair spin (pair spin or pair combination spin).
 - The spin must have a required minimum number of revolutions: four (4) revolutions for a pair spin and six (6) for a pair spin combination. A pair spin combination must have a change of foot by both partners with at least three (3) revolutions on each foot **and** at least one (1) change of position by both partners. A Pair Combination Spin can be started with a jump. Any flying entry can be considered as a feature by either partner. If there are not 3 revolutions before or after the change of foot executed by both partners, the Pair Spin Combination will be marked with a "V". If there are less than 3 revolutions on both feet by either partner, the spin will have no value.
 - A pair spin is any spin with no change of foot and does not require a change of position by one or both partners. Change of positions may be used for a level feature."
 - There must be a minimum of two (2) revolutions in each position or the position will not be counted.

- f. A maximum of one (1) death spiral or pivot figure (position of the woman optional).
 - At least $\frac{3}{4}$ revolution in pivot position by the man is required for the death spiral.
 - At least one (1) revolution in pivot position by the man is required for the pivot figure.

- g. A maximum of one (1) step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface.
 - The program duration is 2 minutes and 40 seconds +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.67.
 - Only features up to and including Level 2 will be counted for the technical elements. Any additional features will not count for level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
 - The warm-up duration is six (6) minutes.
 - Each fall by either partner shall receive a deduction of 1.0.

Pair Free Skating Adult

Pairs must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of one (1) lift of Group 1 or Group 2 with a minimum $\frac{1}{2}$ revolution for the man.
 - The man's lifting hand(s) should be above his shoulder line.
 - Variations of the Woman's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are **not** permitted.
 - Lifts of Groups 3-4-5 are **not** permitted,
 - Twist lifts are **not** permitted.
 - b. A maximum of one (1) single throw jump.
 - Throw double and triple jumps are **not** permitted.
 - Throw single Axel is **not** permitted.
 - c. A maximum of one (1) solo single jump.
 - Double and triple jumps are **not** permitted.
 - Axel type jumps are **not** permitted.
 - d. A maximum of one (1) jump combination with a maximum of two (2) listed jumps.
 - Only single jumps are allowed.
 - Double and triple jumps are **not** permitted.
 - Axel type jumps are **not** permitted.
 - e. A maximum of one (1) pair spin.
 - A pair spin is any spin with no change of foot and does not require a change of position by one or both partners. Change of positions may be used for a level feature.
 - There must be a minimum of two (2) revolutions in each position or the position will not be counted.
 - f. A maximum of one (1) pivot figure (position of the woman optional).
 - At least one (1) revolution in pivot position by the man is required.
 - g. A maximum of one (1) choreographic sequence that fully utilizes the ice surface.
 - The pattern is not restricted but the sequence must be clearly visible.
 - A choreographic sequence has a base value and will be evaluated by the judges in GOE only.
- The program duration is 2 minutes and 20 seconds +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
 - Only features up to and including Level 1 will be counted for the technical elements. Any additional features will not count for level requirements and will be ignored by the Technical Panel.
 - The warm-up duration is five (5) minutes.
 - Each fall by either partner shall receive a deduction of 0.5.

Section 6. Technical Requirements – Couples Ice Dance

Pattern Dance

Couples shall provide their own music for all pattern dances. There will be no music for pattern dances provided by the Local Organizing Committee. The music must be chosen in accordance with the Rhythm of the Pattern Dance and may be vocal. The Tempo throughout the required sequences must be constant and in accordance with the required Tempo of the Pattern Dance (see ISU Handbook Ice Dance 2003) plus or minus 2 beats per minute.

Notes:

The chosen music may be a tune selected from the ISU Ice Dance music. In this case, only tunes 1 to 5 can be chosen and the couple shall provide competition music in accordance with Rule 343, paragraph 1.

- Violation of the above music requirements or tempo specifications shall be penalized as per Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).
- All music chosen by the couple must be in accordance with the style/character of the Pattern Dance.
- The first step of the dance must be on beat 1 of a measure, unless otherwise specified in the description of the dance (See Rule 708, paragraph 1.d))
- All Pattern Dances shall be started so that the steps of the first side of the pattern are skated in front of the Judges unless otherwise directed by the Ice Dance Technical Committee in an ISU Communication. (See Rule 707, paragraph 4)
- The Pattern Dances will be judged **without** Key Points.
- After the completion of the last step of the Pattern Dance, the couple must reach their final pose within 20 seconds (See Rule 707, paragraph 6). If this time limit is exceeded, a program time deduction according to Rule 353, paragraph 1.n shall apply.

Masters Elite Couples entering this category will compete against other Masters Elite Ice Dance Couples The technical requirements are the same as those for the category “Masters Pattern Dance”.

Masters #13: Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)
#19: Quickstep (4 sequences)

Gold #13: Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)
#16: Kilian (4 sequences)

Silver #3: Rocker Foxtrot (4 sequences)
#32: Blues (3 sequences)

Bronze #1: 14-Step (4 sequences)
#5: Swing Dance (2 sequences)

- The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 1.17 (Rule 353, paragraph 1.m).
- In Ice Dance, for events with two (2) Pattern Dances, the Total Score for each dance will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5. (Rule 353, paragraph 2.b).
- The warm-up duration is three (3) minutes – the first 30 seconds without music followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of the 6th (last tune) of the ISU Ice Dance music.
- Each fall by either partner shall receive a deduction of 0.5 point for Bronze and Silver, 1.0 point for Gold, Masters and Masters Elite.

Rhythm Dance Season 2024-2025

(Reference & more detailed information: ISU Communication No. 2560)

<p>Masters Elite</p>	<p>Couples entering this category will compete against other Masters Elite Ice Dancers. The technical requirements are the same as for the category "Rhythm Dance" see descriptions below. Program duration 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 seconds. The pattern dance will be judged with key points. Refer to ISU Communication 2630, section 1 for description of key points.</p>
<p>Masters</p>	<p>Couples entering this category will compete against other Masters Ice Dancers. The technical requirements are the same as for the category "Rhythm Dance" see descriptions below. Program duration 2 minutes and 50 seconds, +/- 10 seconds. The pattern dance will be judged with key points. Refer to ISU Communication 2630, section 1 for description of key points.</p>
<p>Gold</p>	<p>Couples entering this category will compete against others at the Gold Rhythm Dance level. The technical requirements are the same as for the category "Rhythm Dance" apart from including a choreo sequence instead of a step sequence. See descriptions below. Program duration 2 minutes and 20 seconds, +/- 10 seconds. The pattern dance will be judged without key points.</p>
<p>Silver</p>	<p>Couples entering this category will compete against others at the Silver Rhythm Dance level. The technical requirements are the same as for the category "Rhythm Dance" apart from including a choreo sequence instead of a step sequence. See descriptions below. Program duration 2 minutes and 20 seconds, +/- 10 seconds. The pattern dance will be judged without key points.</p>
<p>Pattern Dance Element:</p>	<p>Two (2) Sequences of the Paso Doble: skated to any dance style with the range of tempo: 56 measures of 2 beats per minute (112 beats per minute plus or minus 2 beats per minute.) The first step of the dance must be skated on beat one of a musical phrase.</p> <p>1PD and 2PD: Steps #1-28</p> <p>Two (2) Sequences of Paso Doble may be skated in any order, one after the other or separately. Step #1 of 1PD and 2PD are skated at the Judges' left side. Variation of Holds throughout, except Hand in Hand, are permitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1PD must be skated in accordance with Rule 707, paragraph 2, the Man must skate the Man's Steps and the Woman must skate the Woman's Steps. • 2PD, the Woman skates the Man's steps and the Man skates the Woman's steps (switch tracking/sides on all steps). Note: <p>Push/Transition to the next step: A change of edge within the last 1/2 a beat of the step is permitted to prepare the push/transition to the next step The description, chart and diagram of the Pattern Dance Element Paso Doble are included in the ISU Handbook Ice Dance 2003.</p>
<p>Dance Lift:</p>	<p>Maximum One (1) Short Lift, up to 8 seconds</p>

Step Sequence	<p>1 Step Sequence Not Touching (Style B) Specifications to Style B, Rhythm Dance: skated to any dance style of the prescribed decades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chosen pattern may ONLY be Midline or Diagonal • Skated no more than 2 arm lengths apart • Touching the ice with any part of the body is allowed for no more than 5 secs • Stops – up to one (1) permitted for no more than 5 seconds (this will count as one of the permitted stops, must be performed Not Touching). <p>Not permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loop(s) • Retrogression(s) <p>Note: The entry and/or exit edge of a Difficult Turn resulting in a temporary deviation in the direction of travel for the step sequence pattern should not be considered as a retrogression.</p> <p>For Gold level the choreo sequence can be any step sequence covering $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ice. No features will be counted.</p> <p>For Silver level the choreo sequence can be any step sequence covering $\frac{1}{2}$ of the ice. No features will be counted.</p>
Sequential Twizzles	<p>One (1) Set of Sequential Twizzles</p> <p>At least 2 Twizzles for each partner, up to 1 step between 1- and 2- Twizzles. Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step.</p> <p>Partners must NOT be in contact between the Twizzles.</p>
Music	<p>Music for Rhythm Dance may be vocal and must be suitable for Ice Dance as a sport discipline. The music must be selected in accordance with the designated rhythm(s) and/or theme(s), and with the specified tempo when applicable. Music with audible rhythmic beat only; may be without audible beat up to 10 seconds at beginning only.</p>

- The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 1.33 (Rule 353, paragraph 1.m). ISU Communication: No 2494
- The warm-up duration for the Rhythm Dance is five (5) minutes.
- Each fall by either partner shall receive a deduction of 0.5 point for Silver, 1.0 point for Gold, Masters and Master Elite.

Free Dance – General Requirements for Free Dance

(Note: free dance requirements for Adult competition Season 2024-25 has some variations from ISU Communication 2630 for Junior Free Dance)

The following are the Requirements for Music for Free Dance (Rule 710, paragraph 1c). The music for Free Dance may be vocal and must be suitable for Ice Dance as a sport discipline and must have the following characteristics:

- i) The music must have an audible rhythmic beat and melody, or audible rhythmic beat alone, but not melody alone, and may be vocal. The music may be without an audible rhythmic beat for up to ten (10) seconds at the beginning or end of the program and up to ten (10) seconds during the program.
- ii) The music must have at least one change of tempo and expression. These changes may be gradual or immediate, but in either case they must be obvious.
- iii) All music, including classical music, must be cut/edited, orchestrated or arranged in a way that it creates an interesting, colourful, entertaining dance program with different dance moods or a building effect. Free Dance music that does not adhere to these requirements will be penalized by a deduction (See Rule 353, paragraph 1n).

Masters Elite Couples entering this category will compete against other Elite Masters Ice Dancers. The technical requirements are the same as those for the category "Gold Free Dance".

Masters Couples entering this category will compete against other Masters Ice Dancers. The technical requirements are the same as those for the category "Gold Free Dance".

Gold Duration of music: 3 minutes, +/- 10 seconds.
Couples must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

a. **Two (2) Different Type Short Lifts up to 8 seconds or One (1) Combination Lift up to 13 seconds.**

b. One (1) Dance Spin
Dance Spin (DSp) - A spin skated by the Couple together in any hold. To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners

c. **Step Sequence: A maximum of One (1) Straight Line or One (1) Curve Step Sequence in Hold (Style B)**

Not permitted:

- Stops
- Loops
- Retrogression
- Hand in hand hold with fully extended arms cannot be established
- Separations of more than two arm lengths and/or exceeding 5 seconds

The pattern of the Step Sequence (Style B) must maintain the integrity or basic shape of the chosen pattern.

(Note: The entry and/or exit edge of a Difficult Turn resulting in a temporary deviation in the direction of travel for the step sequence pattern should not be considered as a retrogression.)

d. One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles

At least 2 Twizzles for each partner, with a minimum of 2 steps and up to 4 steps between 1st and 2nd Twizzles. Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step.

Partners may be in contact between the 1st and 2nd Twizzles.

Silver

Couples must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of one (1) Short Lift, with a maximum duration of 8 sec.
And only a maximum Level 2 lift will be counted
- b. A maximum of One (1) Dance Spin
Dance Spin (DSp) - A spin skated by the Couple together in any hold. To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by one or both partners
- c. A maximum of **One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles**
At least 2 Twizzles for each partner, with a minimum of 2 steps and up to 4 steps between 1st and 2nd Twizzles. Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step.
Partners may be in contact between the 1st and 2nd Twizzles.
- d. **Step Sequence: A maximum of One (1) Straight line or One (1) Curve Step Sequence in Hold (Style B).**
Not permitted:
 - Stops
 - Loops
 - Retrogression
 - Hand in hand hold with fully extended arms cannot be established
 - Separations of more than two arm lengths and/or exceeding 5 seconds**The pattern of the Step Sequence (Style B) must maintain the integrity or basic shape of the chosen pattern.**

(Note: The entry and/or exit edge of a Difficult Turn resulting in a temporary deviation in the direction of travel for the step sequence pattern should not be considered as a retrogression.

The duration is 2 minutes and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.

Bronze

Couples must perform a well-balanced program that may contain:

- a. A maximum of one (1) Short Lift, with a maximum duration of 7 sec.
Note that only a maximum Level 1 lift will be counted
- b. A maximum of one (1) Dance Spin (No combination).
- c. One (1) choreo sequence which can be any step sequence utilizing at least half (1/2) the ice.
No features will be counted.

The duration is 1 minute and 50 seconds +/- 10 seconds.

- The points for each Program Component for all free dance categories are multiplied by a factor of 2.0 (Rule 353, paragraph 1.m). ISU Communication: No 2494
- The warm-up duration for all free dance categories is five (5) minutes.
- Each fall by either partner shall receive a deduction of 0.5 point for Bronze and Silver, 1.0 point for Gold, Masters and Master Elite.

Section 7. Technical Requirements – Solo Ice Dance

(Note: solo ice dance requirements for adult competition Season 2024-25 has some variations from the ISU International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines General Rules and Requirements for the 3 Novice levels from Season 2024/25)

<https://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/solo-ice-dance/related-documents-6/32825-2023-2024-international-solo-dance-requirements-23-12-12/file>

Solo Ice Dance Masters & Masters Elite Requirements

2024/25 Season: Westminster Waltz (2 sequences) and Tango (2 sequences)

There will be 2 key points described and up to Level 3 will be evaluated.			
Basic Level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
50% of Pattern Dance is completed.	75% of Pattern Dance is completed.	75% of Pattern Dance is completed. 1 Key Point is correctly executed.	90% of Pattern Dance is completed. 2 Key Points are correctly executed.

Solo Ice Dance Gold Requirements

2024/25 Season: American Waltz (2 sequences) and Killian (4 sequences)

There will be 1 key point described and up to Level 2 will be evaluated.		
Basic Level	Level 1	Level 2
50% of Pattern Dance is completed.	75% of Pattern Dance is completed.	75% of Pattern Dance is completed. 1 Key Point is correctly executed.

Solo Ice Dance Silver Requirements

2024/25 Season: Tango Fiesta (2 sequences) and Rhythm Blues (2 sequences)

All dances are without Key Points and up to Level 1 will be evaluated. The Judges evaluate the pattern Dance with GOE	
Basic Level	Level 1
50% of Pattern Dance is completed.	75% of Pattern Dance is completed.

- The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 0.7 for Silver and Gold and by a factor of 0.93 for Masters and Masters Elite.
- In Solo Dance events with two (2) Pattern Dances, the Total Score for each dance will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5 for Silver, by a factor of 0.75 for Gold, and by a factor of 1 for Masters and Masters Elite.
- The warm-up duration is three (3) minutes – the first 30 seconds without music followed by 2 minutes and 30 seconds of the 6th (last tune) of the ISU Ice Dance music.
- Each fall shall receive a deduction of 0.5 point for all adult levels, as per the International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines General Rules and Requirements for the Novice levels.

Section 8. Technical Requirements – Synchronized Skating

Team Composition:

A team shall consist of 12-16 skaters and may include both Women and men. Each Team may have up to a maximum of four (4) alternates listed as such on the Team roster.

Skaters must meet the age requirements as stated in this announcement. Adult and Masters competitions will consist of a Free Skating program only.

The Free Program must be skated according to ISU rules 2024 (Special Regulations & Technical Rules Synchronized Skating 2024).

Difficulty Groups of Elements and Additional Features and the description of their requirements are in accordance with the valid (corresponding) ISU Communication.

Deductions for Interruption(s) in performing the program for ADULT category:

For every Interruption of:

- more than 10 seconds up to 20 seconds: **-0.5**
- more than 20 seconds up to 30 seconds: **-1.0**
- more than 30 seconds up to 40 seconds: **-1.5**
- more than 40 seconds by one or several skaters: **-2.0**
- if second interruption more than 40 seconds or program not completed, the Team is withdrawn
- Interruption of the program with three minutes, Rule 965 **-2.5**
- Adverse condition prior to the program with three minutes, Rule 965 **-2.5**

Deductions for Falls* for ADULT category:

*A Fall is defined as loss of control by a Skater with the result that the majority of his/her own body weight is on the ice supported by any other part of the body other than the blades, e.g., hand(s), knee(s), buttock(s), or any part of the arm (Rule 953, paragraph 1).

Fall Rule 953, paragraph 1: -0.5 for every Fall of one (1) skater

As the values of those deductions are not the standard ones provided by Rule 953, paragraph 1 and Rule 843, paragraph 1.m), the Referee must give specific instructions to the system operator and check the correct input in each instance.

Deductions for Interruptions in performing the program and for Falls* for MASTERS category: the standard deductions according to rule 953, paragraph 1 and Rule 843, paragraph 1.n) will apply.

Duration of Program (Rule 952, paragraph 2)

Adult and Masters: Three (3) minutes +/- 10 seconds. The Team is allowed to finish the Free Skating within ten (10) seconds plus or minus the required time. The timing must be reckoned from the moment that a Skater begins to move (arms, head, etc.) or to skate until arriving at a complete stop at the end of the program.

ADULT FREE SKATING

The **ADULT** teams **MUST** skate a well-balanced Free Skating Program of **Five (5) required elements:**

1. **Intersection** Element
 - Additional Feature -Point of Intersection (pi) is optional and will be called if included
2. **Pivoting** Element – **Block**
3. **Traveling** Element
4. **Linear** Element – **Line**

PLUS the 5TH ELEMENT, a CHOICE of one (1) Element from below:

Mixed Element

Or

Artistic Element – Block

Or

Artistic Element – Circle

Or

Artistic Element – Line

Or

Artistic Element – Wheel

Not permitted – Vaults, lifts and Un-sustained lifts

The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 1.67.

MASTERS FREE SKATING

The **MASTERS** teams **MUST** skate a well-balanced Free Skating Program of the following **Six (6) required elements**:

Must include the following five (5) Required Elements:

1. **Intersection** Element
 - Additional Feature -Point of Intersection (pi) is optional and will be called if included
2. **Pivoting** Element – **Line**
3. **Traveling** Element
4. **Linear** Element - **Block**
5. **No Hold** Element
 - Must be one closed block
 - Features and Additional Feature (Step Sequence) -will be called if included

PLUS the 6th ELEMENT, a CHOICE of one (1) Element from below:

Mixed Element

Or

Artistic Element – **Block**

Or

Artistic Element – **Circle**

Or

Artistic Element – **Line**

Or

Artistic Element – **Wheel**

Permitted – Vaults and Un-sustained lifts

The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 2.0.

NOTES:

Maximum Element levels can be skated, and the level will be called as executed.

Maximum levels of Additional Features can be skated and will be rewarded according to the execution of the team.

The program content sheet should indicate which extra Elements are transition Elements (T).

- Definition/criteria of recommended Elements and Additional Features are in accordance with Rule 990, paragraphs 3 and 4.
- Difficulty Groups of Elements and Additional Features and the description of their requirements are in accordance with the valid (corresponding) ISU Communication.

Official competition practice ice will be offered on the day of the SYS competition.

Extra Practice time will be available and can be booked through the competition organizing committee. Extra practice cannot be booked for the day of the competition.

Section 9. Technical Requirements – Artistic Free Skating

General Requirements for Artistic Free Skating

The artistic events consist of Free Skating and Pair Free Skating programs judged only on the basis of the Program Components:

- Composition
- Presentation
- Skating skills

See ISU Communication 2494 III General Technical Rules in Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dance (Rule 504 para 3a) for a detailed description of Program Components.

There will be no technical panel and no technical mark given. The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 1.0. Falls are not subject to a deduction but may have a negative impact on the Program Components.

The Artistic Free Skating competition is an athletic competition that is intended to allow skaters to demonstrate their skating ability as defined by the three program components of the ISU judging system. Credit for the required technical elements is based solely on the ability of such movements to enhance the component score. Credit will not be given for their technical difficulty.

The program must be developed through skating skill and quality rather than through non-skating actions such as sliding on one knee or excessive use of toe steps. The skater/pair must not remain in one place for more than five (5) seconds. The Program and time clock will start with the first movement by the skater/pair.

Any technical element exceeding the maximum number as set forth below, will be judged as an illegal element (1.0 deduction). If the minimum required technical elements are not included, a deduction for a “missing element” of 1.0 will be made. The Referee is responsible for such deductions.

Clothing and make-up must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition – not garish or theatrical in design. Clothing may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen. Clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity. (ISU Rule 501)

This is NOT a theatre-on-ice, showcase or spotlight event. Theatrical costumes and make-up will be penalized by a deduction: -1.0 per program. Props and accessories may NOT be used in any part of the artistic programs. Use of props will be penalized by a deduction: -1.0 per program.

Any item that is held in the hand or removed during the performance is considered a prop. Thus, for example, a hat worn throughout the program is not considered to be a prop, but if it is intentionally removed during the performance it is considered a prop. Objects on the ice, thrown in the audience, placed on the boards or on the judges table are not permitted. Costumes that contain particles that may mar or leave anything on the ice surface (feathers, boas, excessive beading) are considered unsafe and are not permitted.

The decorations on costumes must be non-detachable. Part of the costume or decoration falling on the ice will be penalized by a deduction: -1.0 per program. The deduction for inappropriate clothing or make-up props and accessories (1.0) will be determined by a majority of the judges and the referee.

Illegal elements:

- Somersault type jumps
- Laying on the ice and prolonged and/or stationary kneeling on both knees on the ice.

The warm-up duration is four minutes for all Artistic Free Skating and Pair Artistic Free Skating events.

Singles Artistic Free Skating

Competitions will be held at the Masters Elite, Masters, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels.

The Artistic Free Skate is a competitive program that must include elements of the sport of figure skating. At least one (1) and a maximum of two (2) single jumps MUST be included. A Waltz jump is not considered a listed single jump. At least one (1) and a maximum of two (2) spins MUST be included. For Bronze, Silver and Gold level, no Axel type jumps are allowed, for Masters and Elite levels Axels are permitted. For all levels no double or triple jumps are allowed. No combination jumps are allowed.

The program duration for Masters Elite and Masters Artistic Free Skating is 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds.

The program duration for Gold, Silver and Bronze Artistic Free Skating is 1 minute and 30 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.

General Requirements for Pair Artistic Free Skating

- Each pair artistic team must consist of one man and one woman.
- It is expected that pair couples will enter at the skill level of the more skilled skater.

Pair Artistic Free Skating Masters Elite

Pairs entering this category will compete against other Elite Masters Pair skaters. The technical requirements are the same as those for the category "Masters Pair Artistic Free Skating."

Pair Artistic Free Skating Masters

The Masters Pair Artistic Free Skate is a competitive program that must include elements of the sport of pair figure skating. Each pair program must include at least two (2) and no more than four (4) elements selected from:

- a. A maximum of one (1) throw jump. Double and triple jumps are not permitted. A Waltz jump is not considered a listed single jump.
- b. A maximum of one (1) pair spin (or pair combination spin).
- c. A maximum of one (1) death spiral or pivot figure (position of the woman optional).
- d. A maximum of one (1) lift of Group 1 or Group 2.
 - Variations of the woman's position, no handed and one-handed lifts and combination lifts are not permitted.
 - Twist lifts are not permitted.
 - Lifts of Groups 3-4-5 are **not** permitted.

The program duration is 2 minutes and 10 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.
The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of 1.0.

Pair Artistic Free Skating Intermediate

The program must include at least **two (2)** and no more than four (4) elements selected from:

- a. A maximum of one (1) throw jump. Axel type jumps, double and triple jumps are not permitted.
 - b. A maximum of one (1) pair spin (pair spin or pair spin combination).
 - c. A maximum of one (1) death spiral or pivot figure (position of the Woman optional).
 - d. A maximum of one (1) lift of Group 1 or Group 2.
 - Variations of the woman's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are not permitted.
 - Twist lifts are not permitted.
 - Lifts of Groups 3-4-5 are **not** permitted.
- The duration is 1 minute and 40 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of **1.0**.

Pair Artistic Free Skating Adult

The program must include at least **two (2)** and no more than four (4) elements selected from:

- a. A maximum of one (1) throw jump. Axel type jumps, double and triple jumps are not permitted.
 - b. A maximum of one (1) pair spin. Pair spin combinations are not permitted.
 - c. A maximum of one (1) pivot figure (position of the Woman optional).
 - d. A maximum of one (1) lift of Group 1 or Group 2.
 - Variations of the woman's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, and combination lifts are not permitted.
 - Twist lifts are not permitted.
 - Lifts of Groups 3-4-5 are **not** permitted.
- The duration is 1 minute and 40 seconds, +/- 10 seconds.
 - The points for each Program Component are multiplied by a factor of **1.0**.

Section 10. ISU Contact Information

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