

National Ice Skating Association of UK Ltd
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SINGLES & PAIRS OPEN COMPETITIONS
FROM 1ST July 2015 to 30th JUNE 2016

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These competition program requirements comply with ISU Basic Novice to Senior and, for a short time, may be out of line with the NISA Free Skating test structure. All elements performed are as per ISU current regulations. This allows skaters to perform IJS test and competition elements as per the established criteria (ISU regulations 2015/16) and subsequent communications.

This Generic Criteria must be read in conjunction with ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules 2014 when published) ISU Communications 1861, 1874, 1947 and any subsequent ISU communications. Vocal Music is allowed at all levels. ISU Age restrictions do not apply.

However, for the purpose of the Step Sequence in Beginner Singles, the requirement for full ice surface at base level will be achieved when the skater covers a minimum of 75% of the full ice surface to make this achievable for skaters at this level. The criteria for level 1 and above step sequences remain as per ISU.

Ladies and Men may not compete together in the same singles competitions. These singles competitions must be split into separate Ladies and Men's events. This does not apply to any exhibition events where this is at the discretion of the club. Tests passed after the closing date DO NOT allow entry to be transferred to another level under any circumstances.

The Generic Criteria is the same for all Opens, whether judged under the RJS (6.0) or the IJS with the following conditions:

- Beginner Singles may be judged using IJS or RJS. Beginner Couples is to be judged under RJS.
- Clubs/Rinks who apply to use the IJS are free to choose which levels are judged using the IJS and which are judged using the RJS (although IJS will be encouraged where possible) and this must be published clearly in the announcement for the event.
- IJS events from Beginner to Level 3 will be judged in accordance with the ISU Basic Novice regulations, i.e. No element can achieve higher than Level 2 and only 2 components will be scored in accordance with ISU Communication 1947.
- **Levels 8 to 10 may be skated at all events, using IJS if desired by the Club but due to restrictions on levels caused by the size of the ice surface, test passes will only be available when skated on ice surfaces with a minimum size of 26 x 56 metres.** Permit requirements will be different for the two types of event.
- The **Short programmes at levels 8 to 10 for singles and for Junior and Senior Pairs can be skated ONLY at IJS events.**
- Where Clubs/Rinks choose and are permitted to hold an event using the IJS, the Short Programme and Free Programme **MUST be run as 2 separate events.**
- Skaters are free to enter either or both of the 2 events at any level for which they meet the requirements.
- Many skaters will be eligible at more than one level and will choose which event they enter in association with their Coach, based on their personal plans for the season. If entries are submitted for 2 events, skaters must state their preference if clubs can only accommodate skaters in one event due to time restrictions.
- As per ISU Comm. 1947 no highlight will be awarded at level 8 and below.

It may be possible to achieve test passes at IJS Opens, working within NISA criteria.

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| Event Number and Competition Name | Event level | Minimum Test Requirement | Maximum Test Requirement | Program Length | Notes |
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| | Beginner | Skate UK Gold Star (Figure) or a minimum of Level 1 Field Moves A photocopy of the Skate UK passport must be submitted with the application form (unless Novice Field Moves or Level 1 Dance Moves already held) | Must not hold any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 1 Elements or ▪ Level 1 Free | 1½ Minutes (+/- 5 seconds) | Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps, consisting of: A maximum of 3 jump elements including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single jumps only, excluding axel, lutz and flip • NO combinations or sequences are permitted • No single jump may be repeated more than once. NB - A 3 (waltz) jump is not a listed jump and is not counted as a jump element. A maximum of 2 spins, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Basic position spins (of different ISU abbreviations) only are allowed with no change of foot and no change of position. (Min 3 revs) A maximum of 1 Step Sequence (min 75% ice coverage required) |
| | Level 1 | A minimum of Level 1 Field Moves and either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 1 Elements or ▪ Level 1 Free | Must not hold any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 2 Elements or ▪ Level 2 Free | 1½ Minutes (+/- 5 seconds) | Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps, consisting of: A maximum of 4 jump elements including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single jumps only, excluding axel, and lutz • A maximum of 1 jump combination or sequence consisting of only 2 single jumps, excluding axel & lutz. • No single jump may be repeated more than once. There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position. The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of four (4) revolutions. The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of four (4) revolutions. In both spins flying entries are allowed |

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| | | | | | A Maximum of 1 step sequence utilising the full ice surface |
| | Level 2 | <p>A minimum of Level 2 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 2 Elements or ▪ Level 2 Free | <p>Must not hold any of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 3 Elements or ▪ Level 3 Free | 1½ Minutes (+/- 5 seconds) | <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps, consisting of:</p> <p>A maximum of 4 jump elements, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single jumps only (no axels allowed) • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences consisting of only 2 single jumps excluding axels. • Any single jump cannot be executed more than twice in total. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position.</p> <p>The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of four (4) revolutions.</p> <p>The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of four (4) revolutions.</p> <p>In both spins flying entries are allowed</p> <p>A Maximum of 1 step sequence utilizing the full ice surface</p> |

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| | Level 3 | <p>A minimum of Level 3 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 3 Elements or ▪ Level 3 Free | <p>Must not hold any of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 4 Elements or ▪ Level 4 Free | 2 Minutes (+/- 5 seconds) | <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 4 jump elements, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single jumps only – axels allowed • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences consisting of only 2 single jumps or axels. • Any single jump cannot be executed more than twice in total. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position.</p> <p>The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of four (4) revolutions.</p> <p>The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of four (4) revolutions.</p> <p>In both spins flying entries are allowed</p> <p>A Maximum of 1 step sequence utilizing the full ice surface</p> <p>NB The axel may not be attempted more than twice in the programme</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Level 4 (Basic Novice A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU communication 1947</p> | <p>A minimum of Level 4 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 4 Elements or ▪ Level 4 Free | <p>Must not hold any of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 5 Elements or ▪ Level 5 Free | <p>2½ Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 4 jump elements, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 1 axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences consisting of only 2 jumps in combination .A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps but only the two most difficult jumps will be counted. • Any single or double jump cannot be executed more than twice in total. • Triple jumps not permitted • There must be one step sequence fully utilising the ice surface. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position. The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions. The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions. In both spins flying entries are allowed</p> <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 2 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills & Performance/ Execution only.</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Level 5 (Basic Novice A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU communication 1947</p> | <p>A minimum of Level 5 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 5 Elements or ▪ Level 5 Free | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 6 Elements or ▪ Level 6 Free <p><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 13 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015.</u></p> | <p>2½ Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 4 jump elements, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of 1 axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences consisting of only 2 jumps in combination .A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps but only the two most difficult jumps will be counted. • Any single or double jump cannot be executed more than twice in total. • Triple jumps not permitted. • There must be one step sequence fully utilising the ice surface. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position. The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions. The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions. In both spins flying entries are allowed</p> <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 2 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills & Performance/ Execution only.</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Level 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Basic Novice B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU communication 1947</p> | <p>A minimum of Level 6 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 6 Elements or • Level 6 Free | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 7 Elements or ▪ Level 7 Free or ▪ Any part of any Competitive Test <p><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 15 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015.</u></p> | <p>3 Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 5 jump elements for ladies and 6 for men, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences. A combination may consist of only 2 jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only the 2 most difficult jumps will be counted when using the IJS. • Any single or double jump (including double axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total. • Only 2 jumps with 2 ½ revolutions or more can be repeated either in a jump combination or jump sequence. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different ISU abbreviation, one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position.</p> <p>The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions.</p> <p>The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions.</p> <p>In both spins flying entries are allowed</p> <p>There must be for Ladies and for Men : A maximum of 1 step sequence fully utilising the ice surface. The step will receive level features and will also be evaluated in GOE.</p> <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 2 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Level 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Basic Novice B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU communication 1947</p> | <p>A minimum of Level 7 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 7 Elements or ▪ Level 7 Free or ▪ Old NISA Pre-Novice Competitive Test | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 8 Elements or ▪ Level 8 Free or ▪ Any part of old NISA Novice Competitive Test or higher <p><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 15 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015.</u></p> | <p>3 Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 5 jump elements for ladies and 6 for men, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences. A combination may consist of only 2 jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only the 2 most difficult jumps will be counted when using the IJS.. • Any single or double jump (including double axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total. • Only 2 jumps with 2 ½ revolutions or more can be repeated either in a jump combination or jump sequence. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation), one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a spin with no change of position.</p> <p>The spin combination can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions.</p> <p>The spin with no change of position can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or without a change of foot and a minimum of six (6) revolutions.</p> <p>In both spins flying entries are allowed</p> <p>There must be for Ladies and for Men: A maximum of 1 step sequence fully utilising the ice surface. The step will receive level features and will also be evaluated in GOE</p> <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 2 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only.</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Level 8/ Advanced Novice SHORT PROGRAMME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU com 1947</p> | <p>A minimum of Level 8 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 8 Elements or ▪ Level 8 Free or ▪ 1 part of the old NISA Novice Competitive Test | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both parts of Level 9 Elements and Free <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both parts of old NISA Primary (ISU Novice) Competitive Test or higher <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 15 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015.</u></p> | <p>Ladies 2 Min 30 MAX</p> <p>Men 2 Min 30 MAX</p> | <p><u>SHORT PROGRAMME</u></p> <p><u>Ladies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Single or double Axel b) Double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps, may not repeat jump in a) c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or a double and a triple jump, both jumps may not repeat a jump in a) or b)) d) Layback or sideways leaning spin (min. 6 revs in position) e) Spin combination with only one change of foot – min. 5 revs on each foot. Flying entry is allowed. f) One step sequence, fully utilising ice surface. <p><u>Men</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Single or double Axel b) Double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps, may not repeat jump in a) <p>One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or a double and a triple jump, both jumps may not repeat a jump in a) or b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Camel or sit spin (minimum of five (5) revolution on each foot) with change of foot and no flying entrance. d) Spin combination with only one change of foot (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot). Flying entry is allowed e) One step sequence, fully utilising the ice surface. <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 3 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Transitions, Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only.</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 & 1947 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Level 8/ Advanced Novice FREE PROGRAMME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU com 1947</p> | <p>A minimum of Level 8 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 8 Elements or ▪ Level 8 Free or ▪ 1 part of the old NISA Novice Competitive Test | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both parts of Level 9 Elements and Free <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both parts of old NISA Primary (ISU Novice) Competitive Test or higher <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 15 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015.</u></p> | <p>Ladies 3 Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> <p>Men 3 ½ Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p><u>FREE PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 6 jump elements for ladies and 7 for men, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences, consisting of only 2 jumps if in combination. In sequence the number of jumps is free but only the 2 most difficult jumps will be counted in the technical score • Any single or double jump (including a double axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total. • A Maximum of 1 step sequence utilizing the full ice surface. <p>There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination and one must be a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The spin combination must be executed with a minimum of eight (8) revolutions. Flying entrance is not allowed. • The flying spin must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions. If the spin with a flying entrance is selected, the spin must be executed with a change of foot and without a change of position with a minimum of eight (8) revolutions. <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 3 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Transitions, Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 & 1947 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | Level 9/ Junior SHORT PROGRAMME | <p>A minimum of Level 9 Field Moves and either :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 9 Elements or ▪ Level 9 Free or ▪ 1 part of the old NISA Primary (ISU Novice) Competitive Test | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both parts of Level 10 Elements and Free or ▪ Both parts of the Junior Competitive Test or higher <p><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 19 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015.</u></p> | <p>Ladies 2 min 50 MAX</p> <p>Men 2 Mins 50 MAX</p> | <p><u>SHORT PROGRAMME</u></p> <p><u>Ladies</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Double Axel b) One Double or triple Flip immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements c) One Jump combination consisting of two doubles or a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps (No repeat of a or b) d) Flying Sit spin (min. 8 revolutions in position) e) Layback or sideways leaning spin (min. 8 revolutions in position) f) Spin combination with only 1 change of foot (min. 6 revolutions on each foot). g) One Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p><u>Men</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Double or Triple Axel b) One Double or triple Flip immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements c) One Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps (No repeat of a or b) d) Flying Sit Spin (min. 8 revolutions in position) e) Camel spin with only one change of foot (min. 6 revolutions on each foot) f) Spin combination with only 1 change of foot (min. 6 revolutions on each foot). h) One Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 <u>and</u> 1874 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | Level 9/ Junior FREE PROGRAMME | <p>A minimum of Level 9 Field Moves and either :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 9 Elements or ▪ Level 9 Free or ▪ 1 part of the old NISA Primary (ISU Novice) Competitive Test | <p>Must not hold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Both parts of Level 10 Elements and Free or ▪ Both parts of the Junior Competitive Test or higher <p><u>THERE IS NO MAXIMUM STANDARD FOR SKATERS WHO HAVE NOT REACHED THE AGE OF 19 BEFORE THE 1ST OF JULY 2015</u></p> | <p>Ladies 3½ Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> <p>Men 4 Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p><u>FREE PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of</p> <p>A maximum of 7 jump elements for ladies and 8 for men, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences. If in combination, 1 may consist of 3 jumps and the others of only 2 jumps. <p>A maximum of 3 spins with different ISU abbreviations, 1 of which must be a combination spin (min 10 revs), 1 a flying spin or spin with a flying entrance (min 6 revs) and 1 a spin with only 1 basic position (min 6 revs)</p> <p>A Maximum of 1 step sequence utilizing the full ice surface. .</p> <p>N.B. With regard to the repetition of jumps ISU Rule 612 Special Regulations 2014 applies. See also ISU Communication 1874.</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 <u>and 1874</u> WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | Level 10/ Senior SHORT PROGRAMME | <p>Level 10 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 10 Elements or ▪ Level 10 Free or ▪ One part of the Junior Competitive Test | <p>No maximum test requirement</p> | <p>Ladies: 2 Min 50 MAX</p> <p>Men: 2 Min 50 MAX</p> | <p><u>SHORT PROGRAMME</u></p> <p><u>Ladies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Double or Triple Axel b) One Triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements c) One Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump or two triple jumps (No repeat of a or b) d) Flying spin (free choice – min. 8 revolutions in position) e) Layback or sideways leaning spin (min. 8 revolutions in position) f) Spin combination with only 1 change of foot (min. 6 revolutions on each foot). g) One Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p><u>Men</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> h) Double or Triple Axel i) One Triple or quadruple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements j) One Jump combination consisting of a double and a triple jump, or two triple jumps, or a quadruple jump with a double or a triple (No repeat of a or b) k) Flying spin (free choice – min 8 revolutions in position) l) Sit or camel spin with only one change of foot (min. 6 revolutions on each foot) m) Spin combination with only 1 change of foot (min. 6 revolutions on each foot). n) One Step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p>Note - The landing position of the flying spin (d) must be different to the position selected in the one position spin (e).</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 <u>and</u> 1874 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | Level 10/ Senior FREE PROGRAMME | <p>Level 10 Field Moves and either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 10 Elements or ▪ Level 10 Free or ▪ One part of the Junior Competitive Test | No maximum test requirement | <p>Ladies: 4 Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> <p>Men: 4½ Minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p><u>FREE PROGRAMME</u> Skaters must perform a well balanced programme with linking steps consisting of:</p> <p>A maximum of 7 jump elements for ladies and 8 for men, consisting of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An axel type jump element (either solo or in combination or sequence) • A maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences. If in combination, 1 may consist of 3 jumps and the others of only 2 jumps. <p>A maximum of 3 spins with different ISU abbreviations, 1 of which must be a combination spin (min 10 revs) 1 a flying spin or spin with flying entry (min 6 revs) and 1 a spin with only 1 basic position (min 6 revs)</p> <p>A Maximum of 1 step sequence and 1 choreographic sequence utilizing the full ice surface, as per ISU Regulations 2014 and any subsequent ISU communications. (see below for definition of choreographic sequence)</p> <p>N.B. With regard to the repetition of jumps ISU Rule 612 Special Regulations 2014 applies. See also ISU Communication 1874.</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 <u>and 1874</u> WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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- 1) **SPIN WITH NO CHANGE OF POSITION.** A “spin with no change of position”, in which another basic position is executed with more than two (2) revolutions, does not fulfil the requirements of a spin with “no change of position” and will be identified as a “spin combination”. However, the concluding upright position at the end of the spin is not considered to be another position independent of the number of revolutions, as long as the skater is executing only the final wind up without any enhancements. NB. This means in a spin with only one change of position, if the second position is an Upright position it should be obvious, eg. have an enhancement, to make it clear is is not simply the wind up.
- 2) **CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE**
 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 be called and will not occupy a box. The pattern is not restricted,

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but the sequence must be clearly visible. It can be performed before or after the Step Sequence. This element has a fixed base value and will be evaluated by the judges in GOE only. As per ISU communication 1874 and any subsequent updates.

Open Competitions for Couples/Pairs

| Event Number and Competition Name | Event level | Minimum Test Requirement | Maximum Test Requirement | Program Length | Notes |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Beginner Couples/Pairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(to be judged under RJS)</p> | <p>Each partner must have passed a minimum of Level 1 Field Moves</p> | <p>Must not hold any old NISA Pair Test or any part of Level 4 Singles or Dance National tests (excluding Field Moves)</p> <p>Must not hold Level 2 or higher new National Pair test</p> | <p>Free Program of 2 minutes (+/- 5 seconds)</p> | <p>The programme must contain ONLY the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mid-line step sequence utilising the full length of the ice surface. ▪ Second step sequence (any pattern). This may include spirals ▪ Pair spin/dance spin in any position and any hold (min. 2 revs). Change of foot or position optional ▪ Side by side solo spin (min. 3 revs) <p>Moves demonstrating quality edges, simple turns and footwork should be included.</p> <p>At least 3 different dance/pair holds should be demonstrated throughout the programme.</p> <p>Recognised pair/dance lifts are not allowed.</p> <p>Vocal music is not permitted.</p> |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Basic Novice Pairs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU com 1947</p> | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of Level 4 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and ▪ Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice Pairs Test <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Level 3 National Pairs Test | <p>No Maximum Test Requirement</p> | <p>Free Program of 3 minutes (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>A well balanced programme which must contain</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Two different lifts of Group 1 to 2, one arm holds not allowed (full extension of the lifting arm of the partner is not required) b) One Twist lift (single) c) One solo jump (single or double) d) One solo spin in one position or one pair spin. The solo spin can be executed with a change of foot and a minimum of eight (8) revolutions in total or without a change of foot and a minimum of five (5) revolutions. The pair spin must be executed with a minimum five (5) revolutions. e) One pivot figure f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 2 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only.</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1947 & 1861 WHICH GIVES FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | <p>Advanced Novice Pairs SHORT PROGRAMME</p> <p>Please see ISU com 1947</p> | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of Level 6 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and ▪ Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice pairs Test OR ▪ New Level 4 National Pairs Test | <p>No Maximum Test Requirement</p> | <p>Free Program of 2 ½ minutes (MAX)</p> | <p>The Short programme must contain only the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) One lift of Groups 1 to 4, one arm holds not allowed b) One Twist lift (single or double) c) One solo jump (single or double) d) One pair spin with at least one change of position of each partner (minimum of six (6) revolutions) e) One death spiral f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 3 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Transitions, Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only.</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 & 1947 WHICH GIVES FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | <p style="text-align: center;">Advanced Novice Pairs FREE PROGRAMME</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see ISU com 1947</p> | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of Level 6 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and ▪ Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice pairs Test <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Level 4 National Pairs Test | <p>No Maximum Test Requirement</p> | <p>Free Program of 3 minutes 30 seconds (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>The well balanced programme must contain only the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Two different lifts of Groups 1 to 4, one arm holds not allowed, (in group 1 and 2 full extension of the lifting arm of the partner is not required). b) One Twist lift (single or double) c) One Throw jump (single or double) d) One solo jump (single or double) e) One solo spin or solo spin combination without change of foot (minimum of six (6) revolutions) f) One death spiral g) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface <p>Levels explanation: In all elements subject to levels only features up to level 3 will be counted.</p> <p>Program Components: Skating Skills , Transitions, Performance/ Execution and Interpretation only.</p> <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 & 1947 WHICH GIVES FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| Junior Pairs SHORT PROGRAMME | | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of Level 9 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice pairs Test <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Level 6 National Pairs Test | No Maximum Test Requirement | Short Program of 2 mins 50 secs MAX | <p>The well balanced programme must contain only the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Hand to Hand Loop hip take-off (Group 4) b) 1 double or triple twist lift c) Double or Triple Salchow Throw jump d) Double Flip or double Axel Solo Jump e) Pair spin combination with only one change of foot. f) 1 death spiral backward outside g) 1 step sequence fully utilising the ice surface.. <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 and 1874 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
| Junior Pairs FREE PROGRAMME | | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A minimum of Level 9 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice pairs Test <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Level 6 National Pairs Test | No Maximum Test Requirement | Free Program of 4 minutes (+/- 10 seconds) | <p>The well balanced programme must contain only the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Maximum 2 Lifts, not all from group 5 (Min 1 and Max 3 ½ revs of man) with full extension of lifting arm b) Maximum 1 twist lift c) Maximum 2 different Throw jumps d) Maximum 1 Solo Jump e) Maximum 1 jump combination or sequence f) Maximum 1 Solo Spin combination (10 revs in total) g) Maximum 1 Pair spin combination (Min 8 revs in total) h) Maximum 1 death spiral • Maximum 1 choreographic sequence (See page 14 for definition of choreographic sequence.) <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 and 1874 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |

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| | Senior Pairs SHORT PROGRAMME | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 10 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and ▪ Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice pairs Test <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Level 6 National Pairs Test | <p>No Maximum Test Requirement</p> | <p>Short Program of 2 mins 50 secs max</p> | <p>The well balanced programme must contain only the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any hand to hand lift take-off (group 4) b) 1 Double or Triple Twist lift c) 1 Double or Triple Throw jump d) 1 Double or Triple Solo Jump e) Pair Spin combination with only one change of foot. f) Death spiral backward outside edge g) 1 step sequence, fully utilizing the ice surface. <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 and 1874 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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| | Senior Pairs FREE PROGRAMME | <p>Each partner must hold:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Level 10 Field Moves ▪ Level 4 Elements and ▪ Level 4 Free <p>AND EITHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old NISA Novice pairs Test <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Level 6 National Pairs Test | <p>No Maximum Test Requirement</p> | <p>Free Program of 4 minutes 30 secs (+/- 10 seconds)</p> | <p>The well balanced programme must contain only the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum 3 Lifts Not all from group 5 One Lift must be from Group 3 or 4 (Min 1 and max 3 ½ revs of Man) with full extension of lifting arm. If 2 x group 5 lifts are executed, the take offs have to be of a different nature. If the take off is not different the 2nd executed group 5 lift will not be marked but will block a lift box. • Maximum 1 Twist Lift • Maximum 2 different Throw jumps • Maximum 1 Solo Jump • Maximum 1 jump combination or sequence • Maximum 1 Solo Spin combination 10 revs in total) • Maximum 1 Pair spin combination (Min 8 revs in total) • Maximum 1 death spiral DIFFERENT FROM SHORT PROGRAMME • Maximum 1 choreographic sequence (See page 18 for definition of choreographic sequence.) <p>SKATERS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY ALL RELEVANT ISU COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING 1861 and 1874 WHICH GIVE FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING ELEMENTS</p> |
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PAIRS CHOREOGRAPHIC SEQUENCE A Choreographic Sequence consists of any kind of movements like steps, turns (except twizzles), spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydroblading, any jumps with maximum of 2 revolutions, spins, small lifts etc. Listed elements included in the Choreographic Sequence will not be called and will not occupy a box. The pattern is not restricted, but the sequence must be clearly visible. This element has a fixed base value and will be evaluated by the judges in GOE only. As per ISU communication 1874 and any subsequent updates.