



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

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ISA Communication 161

Clarification - Technical Element and Rule Requirements for 2024/25 Season – Single & Pair Skating

Commencing 1 July 2024 (Revised 21/6/24)
(This communication replaces ISA Communication 160)

Date Approved: June 2024

Effective Start Date: 1 July 2024

1. Purpose of the Communication

To provide advice on relevant Single and Pair Skating rule changes adopted at the recent 2024 ISU Congress, revised 2024/25 season ISU Communications and proposed ISA age by-law updates. These changes are summarised below.

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

2. Application of the Communication

For all ISA Member and club competitions including Champ Series events hosted from **1 July 2024**.

3. Communication Details

ISU COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 The following ISU Communications, along with any future published changes to these communications will be applied for ISA Member or club competitions including Champ Series events from **1 July 2024**:

- **ISU Communication 2623** - SINGLE & PAIR SKATING LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY AND GUIDELINES FOR MARKING GRADE OF EXECUTION AND PROGRAM COMPONENTS SEASON 2024/25 (Update coming for ISU Congress approved proposals with an effective date of 1 July 2024)
- **ISU Communication 2624** - SINGLE & PAIR SKATING GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL NOVICE COMPETITIONS 2024/25 (Revised June 20, 2024 (post Congress))
- **2024/2025 ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Single Skating
- **2024/2025 ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Pair Skating

**** If the 2024/2025 ISU Technical Panel Handbooks for Singles or Pairs are unavailable, the 2023/2024 ISU Technical Panel Handbooks will be utilised until 2024/2025 ISU Technical Handbooks become available.**

ISU RULE CHANGES

3.2 ISU rule 610 – Somersault type jumps are no longer an illegal movement.

3.3 ISU rule 611 – 2024/25 Men and Women Junior Short Program groups (no change)

3.4 ISU rule 620 – 2024/25 Junior Pair & Senior Pair Short Program groups (no change)

SPINS

3.5 New spin feature – Difficult blade feature

Using the blade in a way that has a significant impact on the balance, control and execution of the spin. The feature must be executed in camel, sit or Layback position and can be achieved for example by spinning on the heel or toe of the blade.

3.6 In any spin only two (2) difficult variations are counted for level features.

3.7 Windmill is no longer considered as a difficult entry or exit.

3.8 **Feature together with a used position;**

For a feature to count in any spin, it must not be executed together with a used difficult variation position. For example, a difficult change of position executed by changing the position from sit position to a difficult camel forward position is not counted if a skater has in an earlier spin in the same program difficult camel forward position in a Flying Camel Spin.

PAIR FEATURES

3.9 **Lifts** – Juniors: Difficult variation of the take-off or difficult landing variety

3.10 **Death Spirals** – Difficult entry (immediately preceding the death spiral) or exit

Clarification:

Entry, exit: The difficult entry position must be performed while at least one of the partners is on the entry curve and the woman and/or the man are moving from a difficult entry position directly and without delay to a Death Spiral position. The feature is awarded only if the low position is reached by both partners within 1 revolution after the man's toe is fixed on the ice. Exit: starts when the man bends his "holding" arm at the elbow; ends: when the woman comes to vertical position. Difficult entry and/or exit is one feature and only one of them will count as a level feature. The exit must have a significant impact on the balance, control and execution of the death spiral.

PAIR SPIN COMBINATION

3.11 Lifting the woman while the man is on 1 foot is a level feature when executed for at least 2 revolutions in a fixed position. If the woman is in a difficult position during the lift, it will be counted as a difficult variation.

If executing both lifting of the woman and difficult exit, the woman must be set down before the difficult exit.

AGE ELIGIBILITY

3.12 As ISA follows the ISU upper age eligibility for Basic Novice and Intermediate Novice Singles, and the ISU age eligibility for Junior Pair Skating, the following age requirements will be followed from 1 July 2024. *(ISA by-laws to be updated)*

Basic Novice – Single; Have not reached the age of fourteen (14) by July 1 preceding the event.

Intermediate Novice – Single; Have not reached the age of sixteen (16) before July 1 preceding the event.

Intermediate – Single; Have reached the age of sixteen (16) before July 1 preceding the event.

Junior – Pair Skating; Have not reached the age of twenty-one (21) for Women and the age of twenty-three (23) for Men before July 1 preceding the event. A maximum age gap of seven (7) years is allowed between the two partners.

FALL DEDUCTIONS – NOVICE

3.13 For all Novice categories, only falls outside elements will be called. (ISA by-laws to be updated)

- per fall outside elements (one Skater only – Single and Pair Skating) -0.5
- per fall outside elements (both Skaters – Pair Skating) -1.0
- falls in elements will be called by the Technical Panel but with no deduction(s).

BASIC NOVICE SINGLE - BOYS AND GIRLS

3.14 **Spins** – 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 and no change of foot.

The spin combination with a change of foot must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions and without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions. Flying entry is allowed. If with change of foot, only one level feature per foot will count.

The spin in one position without change of foot must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, must be done in a basic position without any difficult variation positions and will be called maximum level basic. After the required revolutions it is allowed to execute difficult variations, but these will be ignored by the Technical Panel. Flying entry is not allowed.

3.15 **Step Sequence** – There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface and including at least one skating movement such as a spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydroblading etc. If the skating movement is missing, no Level will be given. At least 2 difficult turns and steps must be executed on clean edges for Level basic. The Technical Panel will not award Feature 3) Use of body movements for at least 1/3 of the pattern and Feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet.

INTERMEDIATE NOVICE SINGLE - BOYS AND GIRLS & INTERMEDIATE SINGLE - MEN AND WOMEN

3.16 **Spins** – 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 with a change of foot must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions and without a change of foot with a minimum of six (6) revolutions, flying entrance is not allowed. If with change of foot, only one level feature per foot will count.

The spin in one position with a change of foot must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions or spin in one position without change of foot must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, flying entrance is allowed.

3.17 **Step Sequence** – There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface and including at least one skating movement such as a spiral, spread eagle, Ina Bauer, hydroblading etc. If the skating movement is missing, no Level will be given. At least 2 difficult turns and steps must be executed on clean edges for Level basic. The Technical Panel will not award Feature 3) Use of body movements for at least 1/3 of the pattern and Feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet.

ADVANCED NOVICE SINGLE - BOYS AND GIRLS

3.18 Short Program

Advanced Novice Boys Short Program	Advanced Novice Girls Short Program
<p>a) Single Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen</p> <p>b) Double or triple jump, may not repeat jump a)</p> <p>c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, <u>the second jump must be double or triple Toe loop (for season 2024/25), both jumps may not repeat jump a) or b)</u></p> <p>d) <u>Sit spin with change of foot and no flying entrance (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot) (for season 2024/25).</u></p> <p>e) Spin combination with only one change of foot (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot), <u>flying entrance not allowed.</u></p> <p>f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface. <u>For feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet: the combinations must include forward outside rocker and backward inside loop (for season 2024/25), they can be in the same combination or one in the first and the other in the second. Only one difficult turn may be repeated once in the two combinations. At least 2 difficult turns and steps must be executed on clean edges for Level basic.</u></p>	<p>a) Single Axel Paulsen or double Axel Paulsen</p> <p>b) Double or triple jump, may not repeat jump a)</p> <p>c) One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one double and one triple jump, <u>the second jump must be double or triple Toe loop (for season 2024/25), both jumps may not repeat jump a) or b)</u></p> <p>d) Layback/sideways leaning spin or <u>sit spin with no change of foot (minimum six (6) revolutions) and no flying entrance (for season 2024/25).</u></p> <p>e) Spin combination with only one change of foot (minimum of five (5) revolutions on each foot), <u>flying entrance not allowed.</u></p> <p>f) One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface. <u>For feature 4) Two combinations of 3 difficult turns on different feet: the combinations must include forward outside rocker and backward inside loop (for season 2024/25), they can be in the same combination or one in the first and the other in the second. Only one difficult turn may be repeated once in the two combinations. At least 2 difficult turns and steps must be executed on clean edges for Level basic.</u></p>

3.19 Free Skating (Advanced Novice boys and girls)

Spins – There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature (abbreviation). One spin must be a spin combination with a change of foot which must have a minimum of eight (8) revolutions, a flying entrance is not allowed.

One spin must be a flying **camel** spin which must have a minimum of six (6) revolutions, a change of foot is allowed but a change of position is not allowed (for season 2024/25).

Jumps – The same type of jump independent of revolutions can be included not more than three times in the Free Skating program.