



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated

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ISA Communication 163

Technical Element and Rule Changes for Adult Single and Pair Skating – 2024/25 season

Date Approved: July 2024

Effective Start Date: 15 July 2024

1. Purpose of the Communication

Advise the following rule changes due to the recent updates to ISA By-Laws Section 5 – Adult Single and Pair Skating and the release of ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competitions (IAFSC) Technical Announcement. These updates are **summarised** below.

This communication is a summary of changes. Please refer to ISA By-Laws Section 5 – Adult Single and Pair Skating updated July 2024 <https://isa.org.au/general-info/governance/constitution-by-laws/> and ISU IAFSC Technical Announcement – 2024/2025 season <https://www.isu.org/figure-skating/events/adult-figure-skating> for full details of changes.

2. Application of the Communication

Applies to all ISA Member and club competitions hosted from **15 July 2024**.

3. Communication Details

3.1 Adult Masters Elite - Single

- Maximum five (5) Jump Elements
- Single, Double and Triple Jumps are permitted. Quad Jumps are NOT permitted.
- May be up to two (2) jump combinations, or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence.
 - 1 jump combo or 1 jump sequence may have 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.

3.2 Adult Masters - Single

- Maximum five (5) Jump Elements
- Single and Double Jumps are permitted. Triple or Quad Jumps are NOT permitted.
- May be up to two (2) jump combinations, or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence.
 - 1 jump combo or 1 jump sequence may have 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.

3.3 **Adult Gold - Single**

- May be up to two (2) jump combinations, or one (1) jump combination and one (1) jump sequence.
- 1 jump combo or 1 jump sequence may have 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.

3.4 **Adult Silver - Single**

- Maximum four (4) Jump Elements
- Choreographic Sequence – Fully utilizing the ice surface

3.5 **Adult Bronze - Single**

- Maximum one (1) jump combination The jump combination may consist of two (2) listed jumps.

3.6 **Adult Copper - Single**

- Maximum one (1) jump combination The jump combination may consist of two (2) listed jumps.
- Flying Spins and Combination Spins are NOT permitted.
- Copper eligibility – May have passed the Preliminary Pattern Skills Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law 211)
- Have not competed in Bronze or higher in an event held by Australia, an ISA Member or other.

3.7 **Adult Pewter - Single**

- There are three (3) required elements. Elements must be skated in the order **a), b), c)**
- Program duration Maximum 1 minute and 30 seconds
- Components factor 2.0
- **a) Step Sequence**
The Step Sequence must be visible and identifiable and must cover at least one third of the ice surface. Step Sequence should contain simple steps and turns for example: held edges, chasses, 3-turns, mohawks, etc. There must be a clear beginning and the element will end with the preparation into the spin.
- **b) Spin**
Maximum of one (1) upright spin element.
- This must have a minimum of 3 revolutions on one or two feet in any upright position.
- **c) Choreographic Sequence** must cover at least one third of the ice surface and be clearly visible. It should contain at least two (2) different simple free skating movements, for example: one or two foot glides, pivots, moving dips, swizzles, etc. The element will begin immediately after the exit of the spin.
- **Jump – no requirement**
Jumps are optional and restricted to a maximum of ½ revolution for example: Bunny Hop, Tap Toe Jump, Ballet Jump, Waltz Jump, Half Flip, Half Loop. These are not evaluated as an element but may be included in any part of the program including within the sequences.
- Pewter eligibility – Have NOT passed the Preliminary Pattern Skills Test or equivalent (ISA By-Law 211)
- Have not competed in Copper or higher in an event held by Australia, an ISA Member or other.

4. Eligibility – ISA By-Law 500.2

ISA recognises the increased participation in adult skating and the movement of skaters moving from mainstream competition to adult competition. To assist with the transition and fairness in competition, the ISA By-Law has been amended to the following;

A participant competing from 1 July, in the year of the competition in either an Intermediate, Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior Singles event or Pre Novice, Basic Novice, Advanced Novice, Junior, Senior Pair Skating event, either locally or internationally may NOT compete in Adult competitions before 1 July of the following year. From 1 July of the following year;

- i) A participant transitioning from Intermediate Single to Adult Single competition will be eligible to compete in the Adult Single Gold category or higher;
- ii) A participant transitioning from Advanced Novice Single to Adult Single competition will be eligible to compete in the Adult Single Masters category or higher;
- iii) A participant transitioning from either Junior or Senior Singles to Adult Single competition will be eligible to compete in the Adult Single Masters Elite category.

5. Adult Competition – ISA By-Law 501

1. In singles events, women and men will compete separately. The competition convenor has the right to combine sections as per By-Law 620.9.
2. Skaters may compete in only one (1) category per discipline.
3. Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite Single categories will be divided into the following age groups or if fewer than three (3) participants enter, class categories may be combined either one class below or above wherever possible to ensure competition:

	<u>Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters and Masters Elite</u>
<u>Class I</u>	18-28 years of age as at 1 July preceding the event
<u>Class II</u>	<u>29-50 years of age</u> as at 1 July preceding the event
<u>Class III</u>	<u>51 and older</u> as at 1 July preceding the event

4. Skaters are not permitted to compete in any category higher than their highest test level passed.
5. Skaters may choose to skate in a lower category than what they have previously competed in as an Adult skater. A skater who competes in an Adult category from 1 July and then chooses to move to a lower Adult category may not compete in the lower category before 1 July of the following year.
6. For Adult Ice Dance including Solo Ice Dance, refer to ISA By-Laws Section 4 – Ice Dance.
7. For Adult Synchronized Skating, refer to ISA By-Laws Section 10 - Synchronized Skating.
8. For Adult Theatre on Ice, refer to ISA By-Laws Section 12 – Theatre on Ice.

6. Warm Up Periods – ISA By-Law 502

Adult Warm Up group timings are:

Discipline/Category	Warm Up Group Times
Singles – <u>Pewter</u> , Copper, Bronze, Silver	<u>5 minutes</u>
Singles – Gold, Masters, Masters Elite	<u>6 minutes</u>
Pairs – Adult	<u>5 minutes</u>
Pairs – Intermediate, Masters, Masters Elite	<u>6 minutes</u>

7. Adult Pair Skating

7.1 **Masters Elite – Pair Skating**

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 take off and/or the hold is different each time.
- Solo Jump; a maximum of one (1) solo jump. Single, Double and Triple jumps are permitted.

7.2 **Masters – Pair Skating**

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 take off and/or the hold is different each time.
- Solo Jump; a maximum of one (1) solo jump. Single and Double jumps are permitted.

8. Reference Communications

- ISA By-Laws Section 5 – Adult Single and Pair Skating
- ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competitions (IAFSC) Technical Announcement 2024/25
- ISU Communication 2623 – Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution and Program Components Season 2024/25
- Technical Panel Handbook for Single and Pair Skating 2024/25