



# Ice Skating Australia Limited

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## ISA Communication 164

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### ISA Post Event Error Correction Procedures (This communication replaces ISA 2011-12 Post-Event Error Correction Protocol)

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#### 1. Purpose of the Communication

To provide information on procedure for protests and corrections of results.

#### 2. Application of the Communication

For events conducted under the International Judging System (IJS), Ice Skating Australia has adopted a post event error correction procedure for correction of errors made by the technical/judging panels or for errors pertaining to mathematical calculations.

#### 3. Communication Details

##### 3.1 Right to File Protests

Protests based on an alleged violation of Rules may be lodged provided they are not excluded by this or any other ISU/ISA Rule. The Referee decides upon all protests. Protests must be filed with the Referee in writing and within the stated time limit.

##### 3.2 Person Entitled to File a Protest

Protests may be lodged only:

- a) By Competitors, accredited APSA coaches (Team captains in Synchronized Skating) or team leaders accredited for the competition concerned.
- b) With the approval of such Competitor(s), accredited APSA coaches or team leaders, members of the committee organizing the competition or any official representatives of ISA Members or affiliated clubs that have entered Competitor(s).

##### 3.3 Time Limits for Filing Protests

- a) Protests concerning the participation of a Competitor must be filed before the competition starts. If an immediate decision cannot be reached, the Competitor is permitted to start, but the announcement of the result and the distribution of the prizes shall be deferred until a decision has been reached.
- b) Protests concerning the composition of the panel of Officials must be filed before the competition starts.
- c) Any other protests, except cases covered by subparagraph d) below, must be filed with the Referee within 30 minutes from the end of any segment (Short Program / Free Skating / Pattern Dance / Rhythm Dance / Free Dance) of a Figure Skating competition.
- d) Protests against incorrect mathematical calculation may be filed until 24 hours after the completion of the competition concerned. (See also clause 3.4.c) below). If the Referee is not available in person at the site, the Protest shall be sent email to the Chair, ISA Judging and Officials Committee which will forward it to the Referee concerned.

### **3.4 Protest Restrictions**

In line with the generally accepted international sports concept according to which “field of play decisions” are not subject to correction and/or review, the score achieved by a Competitor during a segment is final, as a matter of principle, once the decision(s) of the competent Official(s) is/are announced by the official announcer and/or displayed on the score board or video screen of the competition with the exception of successful protests according to the provisions below. Consequently, the following restrictions for protests apply:

- a) No protests against evaluations by Referees, Judges and the Technical Panel (Technical Controller, Technical Specialists) of Skaters’ performances are allowed.
- b) Protests against results are permitted only in the case of incorrect mathematical calculation. A wrong identification of an element or of a level of difficulty, although it results in a lower or higher score is not an incorrect mathematical calculation.
- c) Authority of Referee to Correct Errors  
As an exception to the aforementioned Rule(s), the Referee shall correct errors, i.e. even if no protest has been filed, if he/she learns:
  - i) Prior to the beginning of the award ceremony (or prior to the official announcement of results if there is no award ceremony), that a wrong data input by the Data Operator occurred, provided the Technical Controller and both Technical Specialists agree that there was an input error.
  - ii) Within 24 hours after the award ceremony that an incorrect mathematical calculation occurred, provided the Technical Controller and both Technical Specialists agree that there was such an incorrect calculation. If such correction leads to changes in the final placements, the corresponding medals and/or awards shall be redistributed accordingly.
- d) If a situation under paragraphs a) - c) above arises, the Referee shall make a short record in writing which in case of c) i) and ii) must be signed by all members of the Technical Panel.

### **3.5 Referee’s Decision**

- a) The Referee shall decide upon any protest in writing and as soon as possible. The Referee shall deliver such decision to the person filing the protest or shall arrange such delivery. Copies of any protest and Referee decision shall be forwarded to the Chair, ISA Judging and Officials Committee.
- b) If a protest is filed:
  - i) after the time limit or
  - ii) which is not allowed by the Rulesthe Referee shall dismiss the protest in writing with reference to the applicable Rule but without dealing with the merits of the protest.
- c) In cases not covered by subparagraph b) above the Referee shall briefly state reasons for his/her decision.
- d) The Referee’s decision upon a protest is final.
- e) The Referee may at his/her discretion decide to officially announce to the public any protest filed and also his/her decision upon the protest. Such announcement should, if possible, be made before or within 30 minutes after the completion of the competition concerned.

## **4. Results Presentation**

Awards must be presented based on an official signed off IJS result document signed by the event’s appointed Referee and Technical Controller.