



2017-18 Single Skating – Calling Clarifications for Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice and Nonqualifying levels No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile

The information in this document supersedes the 2016-17 Single Skating Calling Clarifications for Juvenile through Novice and Technical Notification #182

Deviations from ISU Communication #2089 are noted in blue.

JUVENILE

- The deduction for every fall is 0.5

Spins

Free Skate:

- CoSp and CCoSp: A change of position (a minimum of two different basic positions) is required for these spins to be given value.
- U.S. Figure Skating will continue to award eight revolutions (ISU Communication #2089, spin feature #10) once per spin, if executed in a different basic position and/or in a different difficult variation.
- Spin in one position without change of foot: If there are not two continuous revolutions in a basic position, the spin will receive Level B (base) provided at least three revolutions in total are achieved.
- All other spin criteria from ISU Communication #2089 will be applied.

Jumps

Free Skate:

- 1.0 bonus for each double Axel that is achieved fully rotated or under-rotated (<).

Choreographic Step Sequence

There is no required pattern, but a step sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. It must be visible and identifiable and should be performed by using almost the full ice surface (e.g. straight line, serpentine, circle, oval or similar shape). If these criteria are not fulfilled, the element will have NO VALUE. Listed jumps may be included and will be called by the technical panel.

INTERMEDIATE

Short Program and Free Skate:

- The deduction for every fall is 0.5

Spins

Short Program:

- The Biellmann feature will be awarded after five revolutions in a layback or sideways leaning spin

Short Program and Free Skate:

- CoSp and CCoSp: A change of position (a minimum of two different basic positions) is required for these spins to be given value.
- U.S. Figure Skating will continue to award eight revolutions (ISU Communication #2089, spin feature #10) once per spin, if executed in a different basic position and/or in a different difficult variation.
- All other spin criteria from ISU Communication #2089 will be applied

Jumps

Short Program:

- Jumps that do not satisfy the requirements (wrong number of revolutions) **will have no value.**
- 1.0 bonus for one double Axel that is fully rotated or under-rotated (<).
- 1.0 bonus for every triple jump (as solo jump or as part of jump combination, but solo triple must be different from combination triple) that is fully rotated or under-rotated (<).

Free Skate:

- 1.0 bonus for one double Axel that is fully rotated or under-rotated (<).
- 1.0 bonus for every triple jump that is fully rotated or under-rotated (<) regardless of whether it is achieved as a solo jump, or in combination or sequence.

Step Sequence

Short Program and Free Skate

The step sequence can earn a maximum of Level 2, and the only features that will be evaluated for a level are:

- a. Feature #1, minimum variety (five difficult turns and steps) or simple variety (seven difficult turns and steps), none of the types can be counted more than twice, and
- b. Feature #2, rotations in either direction (left and right) with full body rotation covering at least 1/3 of the pattern in total for each rotational direction.

Notes:

If a skater does not perform a **minimum variety** of steps and turns, the sequence cannot be higher than Level B (base).

If a skater performs **only a minimum variety** of steps and turns, the sequence cannot be higher than Level 1.

If a skater performs a **simple variety** of steps and turns, the sequence cannot be higher than Level 2.

NOVICE

Short Program and Free Skate:

- The deduction for every fall is 0.5

Spins

Short Program:

- The Biellmann feature will be awarded after six revolutions in a layback or sideways position in the short program.

Short Program and Free Skate:

- CoSp and CCoSp: A change of position (a minimum of two different basic positions) is required for these spins to be given value.
- All other spin criteria from ISU Communication #2089 will be applied.

Jumps

Short Program:

- Jumps that do not satisfy the requirements (wrong number of revolutions) **will have no value**.
- 1.0 bonus for every triple jump that is fully rotated or under-rotated (<).

Free Skate:

- 1.0 bonus for every triple jump that is fully rotated or under-rotated (<) regardless of whether it is achieved as a solo jump or in combination or sequence.

JUVENILE, INTERMEDIATE AND NOVICE

Jumps

- **Short Program and Free Skate** -- Rotational and edge errors and any associated V and base values will be applied (ISU Communication #2089).
- **Free Skate** -- If due to an error by the skater, an attempt and/or execution of a jump is not listed on the data screen, and a previous or subsequent attempt and/or execution of the same jump creates a violation of the specific level's jump repeat rule, the computer will not automatically add an asterisk to the element in violation. The technical controller must manually add an asterisk to the jump element containing the violation.
- **Free Skate** -- If, according to the jump repeat rules for specific levels, when two executions of a jump are allowed and one of those must be in combination or sequence, if both are executed as solo jumps, the second one performed will be marked with the sign "+REP."

Spins

- Spin element requirements and any associated "V" will be applied
- The base values of spins with the sign "V" are listed in the column V of the SOV table.

JUVENILE FREE SKATE and INTERMEDIATE SHORT PROGRAM and FREE SKATE **Spins**

The required spins for juvenile free skate and intermediate short program and free skate are:

- Spin in one position, no change of foot
- Spin combination with or without a change of foot

Both spins may start with a fly (except spin combination in intermediate short program)
Spins must be of a different character

If an execution error in one of the spins results in a call that causes the other spin to be asterisked (not according to requirements), the procedure is as follows:

If prior to review the two spins are listed as:

- CSp (no level) – due to an error on an intended CoSp or CCoSp
- SSp3* – not according to requirements

The code should be changed to:

- CoSp) or CCoSp (no level)– the required spin
- SSp3 – no asterisk

This procedure insures that the skater is not penalized for repeating the spin in one position resulting in a double penalty.

If it is determined by the technical panel that the skater is clearly attempting a spin which is not according to requirements (i.e. a spin in one position with a change of foot; a combination spin that includes a flying entrance (short program only), etc.), the technical specialist calls the spin that is actually performed and not the elements that are required. Any incorrect elements will receive an asterisk (*) that will result in no value.

NONQUALIFYING EVENTS:

NO TEST, PRE-PRELIMINARY, PRELIMINARY, PRE-JUVENILE

- [The deduction for every fall for no test and pre-preliminary is 0.25](#)
- [The deduction for every fall for preliminary and pre-juvenile is 0.5](#)

Spins

- Spin in one position: If a basic position is not achieved for two continuous **revolutions**, but there is a recognizable position, the spin will receive a Level Base.
- Combination spin (CoSp & CCoSp): **A spin with only two basic positions achieved for two continuous revolutions will not have a V assigned in these event levels.** If there are not two basic positions achieved for two continuous revolutions, the spin will receive a Level Base, and a V will be assigned.
- All spins: Max Level 1.
- Only spins with less than three revolutions will receive no value.

Jumps

- A waltz jump (1Wz) will receive credit at the no test and pre-preliminary levels.

Choreographic Step Sequence

- If the choreographic step sequence meets the requirements, it will be confirmed. If it does not meet the requirements (see well-balanced program chart), it will receive no value.

Refer to the following for additional information (all are located in the [Technical Info section of the U.S. Figure Skating website](#)):

[ISU Communication #2089 -- Single and Pair Skating](#)

[2017-18 Singles Short Program Elements for Intermediate – Senior](#)
[2017-18 Singles Free Skate Program Elements for No Test – Senior](#)

[ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Singles](#)

Additional information can be found in the Technical Info section on the U.S. Figure Skating website.