



## 2018-19 Ice Dance – Calling Clarifications for Novice and Below

The information in this document supersedes the 2017-18 Ice Dance Calling Clarifications for Novice and Below.

Deviations from ISU Communication #[2188](#) are noted in blue.

### Novice

**Pattern Dance** – *Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

Required Number of Sequences Not Skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule [8075](#)  
Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule [8076](#)

### **Free Dance – Step Sequences**

The midline step sequence in hold or not touching or combination of both will be called a Choreo Step Sequence confirmed or no value. It may be skated along the long axis or short axis (between blue lines). The in-hold step sequence will be called according to Style B specifications, regardless of the order in which they are performed.

### Intermediate

**Pattern Dance** – *Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

Required Number of Sequences Not Skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule [8075](#)  
Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule [8076](#)

### **Free Dance – Lifts**

The full doughnut/ring position for the lifted partner will continue to be considered as a difficult position on its own (difficult hold/Interaction between partners not necessary).

### **Step Sequences**

The step sequence will be called in accordance to Style B specifications.

### **Spins and Combination Spins**

Spins and combination spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication #[2164](#) (*without* difficult entries/exits).

## **Juvenile**

**Pattern Dance** – *Key points may NOT be viewed in slow motion.*

Required Number of Sequences Not Skated – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 8075  
Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 8076

## **Free Dance – Lifts**

The full doughnut/ring position for the lifted partner will continue to be considered as a difficult position on its own (difficult hold/interaction between partners not necessary).

## **Spins and Combination Spins**

Spins and combination spins will be called in accordance with ISU Communication #2164 (*without* difficult entries/exits).

## **Synchronized Twizzles**

Basic Requirements: Both partners complete at least one full rotation for the twizzle. The synchronized twizzle will be identified but given no level when one or both partners skate less than one full rotation each.

Calling Specifications:

1. If one or both partners touch(es) the free foot down during the execution of the turn, the level will be assessed in accordance with the number of clean rotations before the touchdown.
2. If the skaters perform a three-turn, check rotation and then start a twizzle, the entry edge and the number of rotations of that twizzle will be counted after the three-turn from the starting edge of the proper twizzle.
3. If there is a full stop before the twizzle, the level of the twizzle will be reduced by one level.
4. Synchronized twizzle executed as a spin or as checked three-turns:
  - If up to one rotation becomes a spin or checked three-turns, the synchronized twizzles will be reduced by one level.
  - If more than one rotation becomes a spin or checked three-turns, the synchronized twizzles will be called Level 1.

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

ISU Communication #2148 – Ice Dance

ISU Communication # [2188](#) – Ice Dance

2018-19 Ice Dance Free Dance Elements for Pre-Juvenile – Senior

2018-19 ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Ice Dance

U.S. Figure Skating Pattern Dance Key Points for Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice

Additional information can be found in the “Technical Info” section on the U.S. Figure Skating website (<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84110>).