



2017/2018 Records of Clarifications from ISU Sports Directorate and SyS TC

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Group Lift Element

Question:

1. Group Lift #1 and Group Lift #2 must be different: Different is defined when the two (2) required GL Elements use a different first/main position by the lifted Skater in each lift.
What does the “first/main” position mean?

Answer:

The first/main position is the first position that the lifted skater(s) obtain once they are stationary up in the air.

For GL3 and GL4 the first position that the lifted Skater takes **must** be either the flexible or balancing position, since that is a requirement for the level, and must be achieved first following the difficult entry.

A Change of position will be counted for GL3 and GL4 only when the first/main position is a flexible or balancing position.

The highest call for a GL would be GL2 if any another position is executed first followed by a flexible or balancing position.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

No Hold Element – Step Sequence

Question:

1. May a team use more than two (2) crossovers in a row during the NHE?

Answer

1. The team is permitted to use more than two crossovers in a row. **However**, IF the step sequence (Additional Feature) has begun then these two crossovers will end the step sequence.

From Communication 2121

Step Sequence (Additional Feature)

Calling Specifications for Step Sequence Additional Feature: The step sequence begins on the entry edge of the first turn/step when all Skaters are in the NHE. The Additional Feature ends when the Skaters start the transition into a new element or executes two (2) crossovers in a row.

From the Technical Handbook

Step Sequences General

Use of crossovers must be kept at a minimum and only one (1) crossover in a row may be included; step sequence ends; with two (2) crossovers in a row

Step Sequence Requirements

Step Sequence starts with the first edge of the first turn/step executed in a NHE configuration

This means that as soon as the team has begun the NHE and the first turn/step is executed, the Additional Feature has begun, and will end if there are two (2) or more crossovers in a row. Only one Additional Feature is counted per element.



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Pair Element

Question:

1. It says that you must exit a pair pivot and pair spin (if so required for the level) on one foot
 - a. When is it OK to put down the second foot?
 - b. Is it OK to exit through a lift/jump out of the position?
 - c. Is it OK to change feet during a death spiral?

Answer:

1.a. Once the supported skater has come out of their position then the free foot may be put down.

1.b. Yes it is OK to exit using a lift/jump out of the position as long as the supported skaters comes out of their position on one foot first.

1.c. The supported skater must enter and exit the death spiral position on one (1) foot. Meaning that they must remain on the same foot during the entry until attaining the death spiral position. IF the supported skater wishes to change feet once in the death spiral position then the 360° rotation and the exit from the death spiral position must be completed on the new foot.

The supported skater may change feet after completing the 360° AND becoming upright from the death spiral position.