

Summary of Corrections Made to the 2012-13 Rulebook since Publication

November 15, 2012

- **Page 87, Rule MR 7.01 (A)**
 - Added “interim and/or” prior to “provisional membership” in the first sentence to correct an omission.

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The following changes were necessary to bring U.S. Figure Skating’s rules for synchronized skating in line with the ISU rules for synchronized skating now that those have been published. See TN 121 for a further explanation.

- **Page 136, Rule 1220 – Duties of the Event Referee**
 - Added “excessive sub-grouping, excessive division into small groups (except for the creative element and transitions in the free skate)” to the list of deductions decided upon by the chief referee in conjunction with the judges in synchronized skating.
- **Pages 299-300, Rule 7110 – Definitions of General Terms**
 - **Paragraph (A)(2) – Examples of Extra Features:** Deleted “, change of position of the lifted skaters (during a group lift element)”.
 - **Paragraph (I) – Definition of Point of Intersection:** Replaced “when the majority of the skaters have reached approximately the halfway point of that intersection” to “within the shape once the corners have started to intersect and before the skaters exit the intersection and pass through the final corners”.
 - **Paragraph (K) – Definition of Retrogression:** Replaced “point and axis (a slight deviation from starting point and original axis is permitted” with “direction”.
 - **Paragraph (N) – Definition of Syncopated Choreography:** Deleted entire paragraph and re-lettered paragraph (O).
 - **Paragraph (O) – Definition of Transitions:** Deleted “The varied and/or intricate footwork (steps_ and formations linking all synchronized skating elements, including the entrances and exits of elements.” Added “In the short program, transitions may be comprised of varied and/or complex footwork, linking steps and movements to link the required elements, which also include the entrances and exits of elements. No other connecting elements are allowed to link the required elements of a short program. In the free skate, transitions may be comprised of varied and/or complex footwork, linking steps, movements, formations and other connecting elements linking all of the well-balanced program required elements, which also include the entrances and exits of elements.”
- **Pages 301-308, Rule 7130 – Definitions of Features and Requirements**
 - **Paragraph (A) – Free Skating Elements:** Add “as a transitional move” between “pairs elements or” and “between elements to increase...”
 - **Paragraph (A)(1) – Assisted Jump:** Add “of not more than one revolution” to clarify what types of assisted jumps are and aren’t allowed in synchronized skating. Also add “Assisted jumps are allowed in the collegiate, junior and senior free skate only”.
 - **Paragraph (A)(7)(d) – Acrobatic Lifts:** Add subparagraph (ii) to read “Lifts performed by only one lifting skater who fully extends his/her lifting arms above the head are illegal; however, lifts where there are two or more lifting skaters (group lifts) who use full extension of their lifting arms are allowed in the senior free skate only.”
 - **Paragraph (A)(7)(e) – Un-sustained Group Lift:** Delete the entire subparagraph. Un-sustained group lifts are not an element in synchronized skating at this time.
 - **Paragraph (A)(10) – Throw Jump:** Add “Throw jumps are considered an illegal element”
 - **Paragraph (B) – Free Skating Moves:** Add “creative element, moves element,” as elements in which free skating moves are allowed. Also change the requirement for holding an element with one change of edge from a minimum of “two seconds in the correct position on each edge” to “four seconds” and add “In this case, the leading skater(s) must hold the free skating move for at least two seconds on each edge.” Delete “or several” and “(s)” from “A free skating move with one...change of edge...”

- **Paragraph (B)(2) – Ina Bauer:** Delete “An outside Ina Bauer is not considered to be a different free skating move than an outside or inside Ina Bauer with a change of edge.”
- **Paragraph (B)(6) – Spread Eagle:** Delete “An outside spread eagle is not considered to be a different free skating move than an outside or inside spread eagle with a change of edge.”
- **Pages 309-316, Rule 7150 – General Criteria and Basic Requirements for Elements**
 - **Paragraph (D) – Circle Element:** Add subparagraphs 2 and 3, and renumber the subsequent subparagraphs, as follows:
 - 2. Any Configuration may be used.
 - 3. There may be a maximum of three circles.
 - **Paragraph (D)(9) – Circle Element:** Delete “The size of the circle must be no larger than one third of the length of the ice surface. If multiple circles are used, then all circles must be within half of the length of the ice surface.” and add “There is no restriction on the circle size.”
 - **Paragraph (E)(11) – Circle Step Sequence Element:** Delete “If using multiple circles, then all circles must be within one-half the length of the ice surface from each other.” and replace with “There is no minimum amount of ice coverage required and no restriction on the circle size.”
 - **Paragraph (H)(4)(c) – Combined Intersection:** Change the minimum number of skaters required in a circle from four to six.
 - **Paragraph (H)(6)(c) – Point of Intersection:** Replaced “when the majority of the skaters have reached approximately the halfway point of that intersection” to “within the shape once the corners have started to intersect and before the skaters exit the intersection and pass through the final corners”.
 - **Paragraph (J)(2) – Moves Element:** Add “If using a mirror image pattern, feet may be different.
 - **Paragraph (M)(7) – No Hold Element Executed in a Circle Configuration:** Add subparagraphs (a) and (d) and re-letter the subsequent subparagraphs as follows:
 - a. The no hold element executed in a circle configuration begins once the circle configuration is formed and all skaters are in a circle configuration without a hold. It ends when there is a hold or when the circle configuration breaks apart upon the start of a transition into a different element or transitional element.
 - d. All skaters must rotate at least a minimum of 360 degrees in one direction or comparable distance if both clockwise and counterclockwise directions are used.
- **Page 317, Rule 7160 – Illegal Elements/Features/Additional Features/Movements**
 - **Paragraph (A) – Senior and Junior Short Program**
 - Add “throw jumps” to the list of illegal elements
 - Change subparagraph (2) to read “Illegal lifts as defined by rule 7130 (A)(7)(d)”
 - Add “including moves in the field and moves elements” to subparagraph (3)
 - **Paragraphs (B) and (C) – Free Skate**
 - Add “throw jumps” to the lists of illegal elements
- **Pages 317-318, Rule 7170 – Non-Permitted Elements, Features, Additional Features/Extra Features and Movements**
 - **Paragraph A – Senior and Junior Short Program**
 - Delete “(permitted in senior only for required elements where a lift is permitted or prescribed)” from subparagraph (1)
 - Delete “Un-sustained group lift” from the list of non-permitted elements
 - Delete “Excessive sub-grouping (permitted only in the creative element)” from the list of non-permitted elements
 - Add “Assisted jumps” to the list of non-permitted elements
 - **Paragraph B – Senior Free Skate**
 - Delete “Additional un-sustained group lift (more than one and only as a transition)” from the list of non-permitted elements
 - Delete “Excessive sub-grouping (permitted only in the creative element)” from the list of non-permitted elements
 - Add “Assisted jumps of more than one revolution” to the list of non-permitted elements
 - Add “Jumps of more than 1 ½ revolutions”

- **Paragraph C – Free Skate – All Levels Except Senior**
 - Delete “Un-sustained or additional un-sustained group lift (one un-sustained group lift is permitted in junior and collegiate free skate only)” from the list of non-permitted elements
 - Delete “Excessive sub-grouping (permitted only in the creative element)” from the list of non-permitted elements
 - Replace “Any jump of one revolution or more performed by the entire team” with “Jumps of more than one revolution” and change “or any jump of one revolution or more” to “or jumps of one revolution or more” prior to “at the pre-juvenile level or below”.
 - Add “Assisted jumps of more than one revolution” to the list of non-permitted elements
- **Pages 335-336, Rule 7921 – Technical Score – Synchronized Skating – IJS**
 - Add new paragraph D to read “Features/Additional Features/Extra Features: The features (step sequences, free skating moves/elements, point of intersection) are divided into the groups according to their difficulty.”
- **Pages 336-338, Rule 7922 – Program Component Score – Synchronized Skating – IJS**
 - **Paragraph (A)(1) – Skating Skills:** Delete “basic” from subparagraph (a) and “Mastery of” from subparagraph (b)(v).
- **Pages 338-339, Rule 7923 – Deductions and Reductions**
 - **Paragraph (E):** Add “, excessive sub-grouping, excessive division into small groups (except for the creative element and transitions in the free skate)” to the list of deductions made by the referee together with the panel of judges.
 - **Paragraph (E)(5):** Delete “Free skate only” and add “(except for the creative element and transitions in the free skate)” to clarify when deductions should be given for excessive division into small groups.
 - **Paragraph (E)(6):** Add “The choreography and elements excessively facing one side: -2.0” to the list of deductions and re-number subsequent paragraph.