

Rule Changes adopted by Skate Canada effective October 2008:

Changes are indicated in bold underlined text

Section 5000 Regulation B-3.3 (2) (b)(c)(d)(e):

3.3 INTERFERENCE

Conditions upon which a skater shall interrupt a performance are as follows:

(1) **UNSATISFACTORY TEMPO OR LOUDNESS OF MUSIC:** If the music is unsatisfactory with respect to tempo or loudness, no restart may be made if the skater fails to inform the referee within 30 seconds from the start.

(2) **STOP IN MUSIC, DAMAGE TO CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT, OR COMPETITOR INTERRUPTS THE PROGRAM WITHOUT THE SIGNAL OF THE REFEREE FOR SHORT AND FREE PROGRAMS, COMPULSORY DANCES, ORIGINAL AND FREE DANCE:**

(a) **CONTINUATION OF AN INTERRUPTED PERFORMANCE:** if there is an interruption or stop in the music or if circumstances arise jeopardizing the safety of the competitor on account of unexpected damage to his clothing or equipment which impedes his skating, the competitor must stop skating at the signal of the referee. The referee must interrupt the performance if in his or her opinion medical attention is required. If the referee signals for the competitor to stop, the judges must cease marking. If the problem can be solved immediately, the skater shall continue from the point of interruption. If this is not possible, a period of up to **3 minutes** before the continuation will be allowed. The same applies when the competitor interrupts the program without the signal to the referee.

(b) **TIMING OF THE THREE (3) MINUTE ALLOWANCE:** When a program is interrupted the timing of the **three (3) minute allowance** will commence immediately after the referee **has stopped the performance with a loud signal** (ISU congress regulation change June 2008).

(c) **In the above case, a deduction of 2.0 points will be applied by the referee for Junior and Senior level events. A 1.0 deduction will be applied for Novice and lower levels.**

(d) **In exceptional circumstances when a fresh start is no way the fault of the skater (arena problem, audience interference, etc) the Referee shall not apply any deduction.** (ISU congress regulation change June 2008)

(e) **If a skater/pair with the first starting number in the group is injured during the warm-up period and time before the start of the performance is not sufficient for required medical attention, the referee may allow the skater/pair up to three (3) additional minutes before he/she/they is called to start.** (ISU congress regulation change June 2008)

Section 7000 H 3.1 (4)

3.1 START OF AN EVENT

- (1) DETERMINATION OF START OF AN EVENT: The start of an event is defined as that time when the referee notifies the judges, officials and competitors present that the event is in progress.
- (2) IF ONLY ONE COMPETITOR STARTS: A competition shall be held if at least two entrants appear at the start, unless otherwise described under the rules for a specific event. If only one competitor appears, his entry fee, if any, shall be returned and the event cancelled.
- (3) COMPETITOR STARTS ON THE SIGNAL OF THE REFEREE: The referee shall signal the competitor when he may start skating. If the competitor starts before such signal the referee shall stop him and permit him to restart after the proper signal.
- (4) A COMPETITOR MUST COMMENCE SKATING WITHIN **ONE MINUTE** OF BEING CALLED TO START: A competitor shall commence skating within **one minute** of his name being called for each portion of the event, otherwise he shall be considered to have withdrawn. (ISU Congress regulation change June 2008)