



MEMORANDUM

To: Skate Canada members

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Subject: ISU PAIRS Technical Panel Handbook

The ISU has recently replaced the ISU First Aid for Technical Controllers and Technical Specialists for Pairs with the [Pairs Technical Handbook](#) on the ISU website (www.isu.org). It is saved under Single & Pair Skating/ Ice Dance > ISU Judging System > Single and Pair Skating . These documents were developed by the ISU to provide important clarification for the technical panel. They are now available on the ISU website. In referring to these documents it is important to use them in conjunction with ISU Communications 1557 and 1548 for Singles and Pairs, 1567 for Dance and 1575 for Synchro. When a similar manual for Dance and Synchronized Skating is available we will provide notification on the Members Only website.

Items of Clarification worth noting

LIFTS

A waist hold with the lady vertical will be considered group 2. Any other position of the lady with the waist hold will be considered as group 3.

A small dance lift following steps immediately preceding the twist lift will be considered as a difficult entry.

When does a death spiral start? - Entry commences at the beginning of the entry curve when one partner is on one foot, on the edge of the death spiral, and the other partner is also on one foot or in a position such as spread eagle, shoot the duck, etc.

Pair spin combination and pair spin – One of the features is to have at least six revolutions. It has been clarified that this applies to both partners at the same time.

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