



TECHNICAL MEMO

Date: August 7, 2009
To: BC/YT Section Board, Officials, Coaches & Clubs
From: Janice Hunter
RE: STARSkate Technical Package Changes for 2009-2010
CPC in STARSkate Competitions - update

Skate Canada has recently posted the 2009-2010 STARSkate Technical Package on their website. There are some significant changes to the Free Skating Well Balanced Program requirements at all levels. The BC/YT Section STARSkate Technical Package has now been revised to reflect the changes as well as the STARSkate Well Balanced Program Chart. Please be sure that you are referencing the documents dated August 2009 in order to avoid any problems with program content in the upcoming season. Any changes in both documents are indicated with an underline or a strikethrough. The BC Technical Package also uses highlighting where there are new things to be aware of. These changes will take effect as of September 1, 2009.

The major changes are as follows:

- Junior Bronze Free Skate now has 7 jump elements instead of 6
- For all levels, any combination jump must be comprised of only two jumps. There are no three jump combinations permitted in STARSkate at any level.
- For all levels, the number of different jumps that may be repeated is no longer restricted. Note that in Junior Bronze the double jump is still not permitted to be repeated. There is no change to the requirement that repeated jumps must be in combination or sequence and that no jump can be included more than twice.
- Junior Bronze to Gold – the change of foot in the combination spin is no longer optional – it is now mandatory.

- Senior Bronze to Gold –a change of foot is not permitted in the flying spin in one position.
- Senior Silver & Gold – maximum 3 spins but a fourth spin of any nature is permitted. It is important in CPC that the 3 required spins are performed first in order to get points; the first three spins to fulfill the requirements will be counted; the first that is outside of the requirements will not be counted and will not receive any value. The fourth spin will not be subject to deduction in 6.0
- Elementary to Junior Silver – the skater has the choice of a step sequence or a spiral sequence
- Senior Silver & Gold – Women no longer have a step and a spiral but a choice of one or the other. Men now have only one step sequence. However, an additional step or spiral sequence is permitted. If performed, it will be considered in Transitions in CPC and will not be subject to deduction in 6.0. The first step or spiral performed will be the one that receives points.
- Definition of a **Jump** Sequence has been ‘upgraded’ to the official ISU definition which already applies to competitive programs. Please read the information on Pages 10 & 11 of the BC/YT STARSkate Technical Package to be certain of the requirements. Note that in STARSkate Tests the jump sequence does not have the restrictions on jumps and turns that exist in competition.
- At all levels, in order to be identified as a spiral sequence, there must be at least two spiral positions with the free leg (including knee and foot) higher than the hip level, each held for a minimum of 3 seconds.
- The Open Pair event now has listed required elements. The pair must be composed of a male and a female.

Earlier this spring it was announced that CPC would be used at Pacific Skate and also at the Pacific STARSkate Qualifying Competitions in the upcoming season. I misunderstood the information that was communicated by Skate Canada and we are only permitted to use CPC for STARSkate events at the Section Championship. Therefore, STARSkate events this season will be judged in the 6.0 judging system with the exception of the Pacific STARSkate Section Championships which are being held in Kamloops, March 11-14, 2010

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