

EMAIL FROM A COACH – PLEASE READ!!

I have asked 3 different judges and several coaches, all of whom have different opinions, about the walley. For instance does it count in STARSkate as a jump? Some said yes, some said no. It makes it very confusing. I have skaters who can do them but so far we just use them for tests because they like to do them and I use them for strength training but with the well balanced program you have to know whether it will count as a transition or an element. Any clarification you could give me would be appreciated and I am sure that I am not the only one who wonders. I had been advised once not to use it to be on the safe side but I think it is sad to just stop doing a certain element in skating because no one know hows to look at it.

HERE IS THE CLARIFICATION: any non-listed jump elements such as the whalley, split jump, mazurka etc are considered as transitions. Coaches and skaters should be encouraged to add such elements to their programs regardless of the marking system that is being used. Although there is no specific mark in 6.0 for transitions and choreography, the addition of non-listed jumps and skating movements add greatly to the harmonious composition of the program as a whole.