



## TECHNICAL MEMO

**DATE:** September 15, 2011  
**TO:** BC/YT Section Board, Officials, Coaches and Clubs  
**FROM:** Janice Hunter, Technical Committee Chair & Laura Carr, PPS Contact  
**RE:** Changes to Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary Points System Requirements

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Following testing of PPS at the BC SummerSkate Competition, the following changes regarding jumps and choreographed spirals have been made. These changes take effect immediately.

### Jumps

All standard rules regarding jumps apply in PPS. The technical panel will be more lenient with two types of calls regarding jump elements:

- **Edge Calls:** A flat or unclear edge take off for flip and lutz jumps will not warrant an edge call. Only jumps which clearly take off from the wrong edge will be identified as incorrect.
- **Jump Sequences:** Unless the skater states on their planned program sheet that they intend to perform a jump sequence or an element unquestionably becomes a jump sequence, the technical panel will not call a sequence if two jump elements are executed in close proximity to each other.

Rationale: As many skaters are still developing proficiency with flips and lutz jumps, they will not be penalized for a weak or flat entry edge by the technical panel. As completing nine elements in 1:30 can be challenging for these skaters, the technical panel must consider the intent of the skater when calling jump sequences.

### Choreographed Spirals

For a series of Choreographed Spirals to receive a Level 1 call,

- A skater may perform one spiral for 3 seconds or two spirals for 2 seconds each.
- The spiral (or spirals) must be on edge and be unsupported.
- The level of the skating free leg must be nearly at or parallel to the ice.

The positive GOE for holding a spiral longer than 3 seconds has been changed to:

- Able to hold a spiral 4 seconds or longer

Rationale: To focus skaters on developing good flexibility and strong camel spin positions, all spirals performed must be unsupported. As the window of opportunity for flexibility is between the ages of 6-10, LTT is a critical phase for developing suppleness in skaters. In keeping with rules for spins, developmental spiral positions will be accepted so long as the technical panel can agree that the free leg is close to a spiral position.

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