



## Communication No. 2018-02 BC/YK Section

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### Information & Reminders for 2018-2019 Season Effective July 1, 2018

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### The changes below reflect decisions made at the 2018 ISU Congress, Skate Canada Changes and BC/YK Section Policy Changes

Technical Changes for STAR and Competitive	
New Definition of Jump Sequence applicable to all singles and pairs categories	A jump sequence consists of 2 (two) jumps of any number of revolutions, beginning with any listed jump, immediately followed by an axel type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump to the take-off curve of the axel jump
Change in <a href="#">Spiral Sequence definition</a> for STAR 5 & 6, Pre-Juvenile	There is no longer a requirement for number of steps between spirals First 2 spirals that are attempted will be identified as the Spiral Sequence
Half-loop in a jump combination	The half loop when used in combinations between two listed jumps now has its own name, Euler (Eu) and place in the Scale of Values (SOV)
Music deficiency procedure	If there is a problem with the music in the first 20 seconds of the program, the competitor may start from the beginning or from the point of interruption; no deduction (used to be 30 seconds)
Illegal Elements in Singles & Pairs	List revised to only include: somersault type jumps and lifts with wrong holds
Technical Changes for Competitive Singles	
Singles Short Program solo jumps	The solo jump no longer has the requirement of connecting steps and/or other comparable movements preceding this jump. 'Steps before the jump' is now a positive aspect bullet for judges to consider when assigning the GOE for all jump elements
Junior/Senior Singles change to bonus factor for jumps in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of the program	Only the last jump element executed in the second half of the Short Program, and the last three jump elements executed in the second half of the Free Program count for the 1.1 bonus factor
Number of Jump Elements in Novice Women and Men reduced.	Novice Women may have a maximum of six (6) jump elements in the free program, Novice Men may have a maximum of seven (7) jump elements in the free program.
Three-jump combination added for Novice Women and Men	Skaters in Novice Women and Men may include one three-jump combination in the free program.
Technical Changes for Ice Dance	
Pattern Dance warm-up groups	Maximum number of couples in a Pattern Dance warm-up group will be 6
Pattern Dance warm-up for all categories will be 3 minutes	There will be 30 seconds without music and 2 minutes 30 seconds of pattern dance music. Free Dance warm-up time will remain at 5 minutes
# of Pattern Dance Sequences	Number of sequences for Willow Waltz changed to 2; Fiesta Tango changed to 3
Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Pre-Novice Dance	Required Step Sequence changed from Style A to Style B



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New time violation for pattern dance	Skaters must take finishing pose within 20 seconds of the end of the last step of the dance
Illegal Lift Movement/Pose in Ice Dance	The list has been revised to allow more variety in dance lifts
<b>Technical Changes for Pairs Skating</b>	
Spins in Novice, Junior & Senior Pairs	Short programs will have a solo spin combination Free Skating program will have 1 spin which will be a pair spin combination
<b>Technical Changes for STAR</b>	
Gold Free Skate	Women have maximum 6 jump elements Men have maximum 7 jump elements One combination may have three jumps
Gold Free Skate	Flying spin in one position must be either sit or camel (flying upright will have no value)
BC/YK STAR Well-Balanced Program Chart	Updated and posted; all changes are indicated with an underline (no red type to facilitate black & white printing)
Junior Silver Free Skate test	Choreo sequence can be performed instead of spiral or step sequence to correspond with competition program requirements
<b>Other changes/updates to note</b>	
Change to Challenge Qualifying Structure	There are no longer any wild card selections to Challenge. In addition to skaters who qualify through National Summer Series, BC will qualify 4 skaters in Pre-Novice & Novice categories and 3 skaters in Junior & Senior categories. See <a href="#">Process for Filling Challenge Entries</a> on Skate Canada Info Centre for more details
Pre-Juvenile Singles in BC/YK Competitions	BC Section will continue to allow program time of 2:00 +/- 10 seconds or 2 :30 +/- 10 seconds
Size of warm-up groups – STAR, Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile	In BC/YK competitions maximum number of skaters in warm-up groups for all STAR, Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile categories will be 8 (exception – STAR 1)
# of events entered in BC/YK competitions	In competitions using 2 rinks, skaters will be permitted to enter a short program, free program plus 2 other events. Each competition announcement will indicate the maximum number of events a skater may enter.
Checking in at competitions	Skaters must check-in at least one hour before they are scheduled to skate
1 club entries	If all competitors entered in an event are from the same club, they will be informed and have the same options as single entries in an event. Info will be in competition announcements