

2. MARKING GUIDE FOR GRADES OF EXECUTION OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS

GRADE OF EXECUTION OF Pattern Dance Elements & Pattern Dances 2023/24											
SET CRITERIA	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3	+4	+5
STEPS HELD FOR THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF BEATS	1RF: 7 or more Steps not held for required # of beats 2RF: 7 or more Steps not held for required # of beats Out of Musical Structure										
	Note: A Step is a shared unit when calculating total # of steps, no matter if the error is executed by one or both partners.										
FALLS/ ERRORS/ LOSS OF CONTROL	2 Falls AND/OR many serious errors	1 Fall or Serious errors	2 Stumbles or Serious errors	Stumble/ Touchdown by both Or up to 25% element missed	Touchdown/ Loss of Control	Slight Loss of Control/ 1 Touchdown (no break within the Element)					None
Features	More negative features/errors than positive features				POSITIVE FEATURES						
	More than 8 negative features	7 - 8 negative features	5 - 6 negative features	3 - 4 negative features	1 - 2 negative features	Basic execution - Generally correct	1 - 2 positive feature	3 - 4 positive features	5 - 6 positive features	7 - 8 positive features (no negative features/errors)	More than 8 positive features (no negative features/errors)
EXECUTION THROUGHOUT ELEMENT											
1. Poor execution and/or Element labored and/or Loss of Control with or without additional support	1 - 4				1. Good quality - correctness, cleanliness, deepness and sureness of Edges/Steps/Turns						
2. Incorrect Steps/Turns (per each) Eg: Choctaw instead of Mohawk	1				2. Smooth and Effortless						
3. Lack of unison	1 - 2				3. Unison and oneness throughout the element						
4. Lack of glide and flow (movement across the ice)	1 - 3				4. Glide and flow maintained (movement across the ice)						
5. Does not reflect character and style of the chosen rhythm	1 - 2				5. Nuances/accents reflects character and style of the chosen rhythm						
6. Not started on the prescribed beat (for each Section/Sequence)	2				6. Body lines and carriage of both partners stylish according to the chosen Rhythm						
7. Holds and positions incorrect and/or uncontrolled and/or variable spacing in between partners: - less than 50% of pattern..... - 50% or more of pattern.....	...1 ...2				7. Holds and positions precise, consistent and close spacing between partners						
8. Pattern incorrect, including crossing the long axis when not permitted	1 - 2				8. Timing accurate 100%						
					9. Maximum utilization of the ice surface with the correct Pattern						