

Program Components – Pattern Dances

Timing	Presentation	Skating Skills
The ability of the Couple to skate strictly in time with the music.	Through the involvement of the couple, the demonstration of the correct rhythm or style as required by the description of the dance or by the specific style of the dance.	The ability of the Couple to precisely execute dance steps and movements in accordance with the dance description with power, balance, depth of edges, easy transition from one foot or lobe to the other, glide, and flow.
Musical Sensitivity	Expressiveness & projection	Overall skating quality
Skating in time with the music	Unison, oneness and awareness of space	Clarity of edges, steps, turns, movements and body control
Skating on the Strong Beat		Balance and Glide Flow, Power and Speed Ice Coverage

Serious Error(s)

Serious errors are falls and/or mistakes which result in a break in the delivery of the Pattern Dance. This break can be minimal or more pronounced and noticeable. These errors must be reflected in the mark awarded for each program component. The consequence depends on the severity and impact they have on the fluidity and continuity of the Pattern Dance. The following guideline should be used.

Category	Mark range	Definition	Errors	Maximum score per program component
Platinum	10	Outstanding	1 serious error	9.50*
Diamond	9.00 – 9.75	Excellent	2 or more serious errors	8.75**
Gold	8.00 – 8.75	Very good	For all Components: *When there is <u>only one error</u> and this error <u>minimally impacts the Pattern Dance</u> , the maximum score of 9.50 is possible as noted above. Note: For the above to apply, the Pattern Dance as a whole is still deemed to be “Excellent”. **When there are 2 or more errors and these errors <u>only minimally impact the Pattern Dance</u> , the maximum score of 8.75 is possible.	
	7.00 – 7.75	Good		
Green	6.00 – 6.75	Above average		
	5.00 – 5.75	Average		
Orange	4.00 – 4.75	Fair		
	3.00 – 3.75	Weak		
Red	2.00 – 2.75	Poor		
	1.00 – 1.75	Very poor		
	0.25 – 0.75	Extremely poor		

