

6. 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
Start of the first Step on beat 1		Flow, Power and Speed Ice Coverage

Serious Error(s)		
Category	Mark range	Definition
Platinum	10	Outstanding
Diamond	9.75	Excellent
	9.00 – 9.50*	
Gold	8.00 – 8.75**	Very good
	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
		<p><b>Errors</b></p> <p>No errors</p> <p>No serious errors</p> <p>Only 1 serious error</p> <p>2 or more serious errors</p> <p><b>For all Components:</b></p> <p>*When there is only one error and this error minimally impacts the program, the maximum score of 9.50 is possible as noted above.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> For the above to apply, the program as a whole is still deemed to be "Excellent".</p> <p>**When there are 2 or more errors and these errors only minimally impact the program, the maximum score of 8.75 is possible.</p>

Note: an error by both partners, happening at the same time or not (e.g. Fall by 2) must be considered as 2 errors.

Note: this basic principle applies equally when the errors occur within an element and/or outside an element.

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