



## Communication No. 2024-03 BC/YT Section

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### NEW Information for 2024-2025 Season Effective July 1, 2024

The information below reflects decisions made at the 2024 ISU Congress & Skate Canada Changes.  
Please read carefully and email Janice Hunter if you have any questions: [janicedhunter@gmail.com](mailto:janicedhunter@gmail.com)

General
<p><b>Criteria for Program Component <i>Presentation for Pairs &amp; Dance</i>:</b> Unison has been removed from this component and is now included in the Skating Skills program component. Oneness and awareness of space remain as criteria for Presentation.</p> <p><b>Description of 4.0-4.75 marking range:</b> The word 'fair' has been replaced with 'below average'. These changes are reflected on the 2024 Program Components Chart posted on the Skating in BC website under <a href="#">Technical&gt;New Program Components</a>.</p>
<p><b>Added wording to additional 3 minute allowance:</b> If medical attention is required <b>(including nose bleeding)</b>, no deduction will be applied.</p>
<p><b>Assessment requirement to enter Pre-Novice Singles, Pairs or Dance is now <u>STAR 6 in the applicable discipline</u></b></p>
<p><b>ISU Age requirements for Junior Pairs and Dance:</b> Junior Dance – <b>Women</b> and Men must not have reached the age of 21 before July 1 preceding the competition. Junior Pairs: <b><u>Women must not have reached the age of 21 and Men the age of 23</u></b> before July 1 preceding the competition. Internationally, there is a maximum age gap of 7 years allowed between the two partners. Domestically the age requirements have not changed – 21 for dance for both partners and no age requirements for Pairs.</p>
<p>Illegal elements in Singles/Pairs – somersault type jumps are no longer illegal in <b>Junior and Senior</b> categories only. Illegal elements in Ice Dance – lifted partner in upside down split pose (with sustained angle between the thighs more than 45 degrees) is no longer illegal.</p>



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Free Skating Changes/Clarifications	
Choreographic Sequence has a word added to the definition	A choreographic sequence consists of at least two <b>skating</b> movements like spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydroblading, any jumps with maximum 2 revolutions, spins etc. Steps and turns may be used to link the 2 or more different movements together. Listed elements included in the ChSq will not be called and will not occupy a box. The pattern is not restricted, but the sequence must be clearly visible. <b><u>Movements executed on one or two knees are counted as skating movements</u></b>
<b>Spins</b>	<b>Below are changes to how level features in spins are counted. All this information is new for 2024-2025 season. For more extensive detail, please refer to the ISU Technical Panel Handbook posted on the ISU &amp; Skating in BC websites.</b>
Spins – number of difficult variations	In any spin, only 2 difficult variations are counted for level features. If the skater attempts more than 2 DVs in spin the counted variations do not have to be the first 2 variations performed but ALL DVs and features attempted will be considered USED for the next spins.
Spins – new ‘difficult blade’ feature	Must have significant impact on balance, control and execution of the spin Can only be achieved in camel, sit or layback (including Biellmann) positions Cannot do it during the 8 revs feature Cannot do it together with difficult change of position or difficult exit features Cannot do a difficult variation and the blade feature at the same time
Spins - windmill/illusion	Regular windmill/illusion no longer counts as difficult entrance or difficult exit feature except when holding the blade and executed on the same spinning foot. If the skater touches the ice with one or two hands, the feature is not counted.  Windmill is counted as a feature only once in the program and only the first time it is attempted.
Spins - difficult entrance and difficult exit	To achieve the feature for both difficult entrance and difficult exit, they must be executed in different spins.



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Spins – similar variations in basic and non-basic positions	If a skater executes a similar variation in non-basic position and basic position, 2 level features are counted only if these variations are done on different feet either in the same spin or in different spins. If the variations are too similar, the last one performed will not count and will be considered as a used position. If a skater executes other features during the used position, these features do not count.
Spins – increase of speed	Increase of speed can be performed going from layback to sideways position or vice versa as long as the skater does not rise to an upright position while executing the change.
<p><b>Pairs: Refer to the ISU Technical Panel Handbook for Lifts and Twists. Spin changes for levels are similar to Singles.</b>  <b>Skate Canada new element is Juvenile Twist (pop twist) which can be executed in Juvenile, Pre-Novice and Novice categories.</b></p>	
<p><b>Changes for STAR</b></p>	
STAR 4 Bonus	A maximum of 1 bonus will be applied per program for fully rotated single axel
<p>Passing requirement for the Gold Free Skate Program Assessment has been updated. The previous requirement was 9 of 11 Elements Silver or better with no specific jump or spin requirements needing to be met.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 of 7 jumps Silver or better including 4 different double jumps Silver or better</li> <li>• 2 of 3 spins Silver or better</li> <li>• One additional element at Silver or better</li> <li>• 9 of 11 Elements Silver or better</li> </ul> <p>Program Components requirements remain unchanged</p>
Challenging Gold Free Skate and Gold Dance Assessments	<p>Skater must attempt both parts on the same day. If any portion is unsuccessful, they will then re-try that portion on another assessment day. In the case where they are unsuccessful in a “lower” level they may still proceed with the higher level on the initial assessment day.  e.g. STAR 10 Elements is a Retry – skater may still try Gold Free Skate Program  Gold Dance – 1 or both STAR 10 dances is a Retry – skater may still try both Gold dances  In both cases, the skater must retry and pass the unsuccessful portions to be credited for the Gold level.</p>