

INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

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SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

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WELL BALANCED PROGRAM CONTENT 2018/19

NOTE: *The Base Value of the Elements will be the same for those Elements listed as “choice of one (1) / two (2) / three (3) Elements from”:*

The following ADULT requirements are not applicable to U.S. Figure Skating Competitions.

ADULT (Five (5) Elements)

Time 3:00 +/- 10 seconds

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. **Intersection** Element
 - Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is optional will be counted if executed correctly
2. **Pivoting** Element – Block
3. **Traveling** Element – Wheel

PLUS a Choice of one (1) Element from Group A and one (1) Element from Group B

4. **GROUP A**

Linear Element – **Line**

OR

Rotating Element – **Circle**

5. **GROUP B**

Creative Element – **Intersection**

OR

Mixed Element

The following BASIC NOVICE requirements are not applicable to U.S. Figure Skating Competitions.

Basic Novice (A & B): *Maximum element levels may be attempted but the level awarded will be one (1) level lower than the maximum defined in the ISU Technical Rules. The highest Difficulty Group of an Additional Feature may be attempted and will be called as executed.*

Advanced Novice: *Maximum element levels may be attempted and the level will be called as executed. The highest Difficulty Group of an Additional Feature may be attempted and will be called as executed.*

The following BASIC NOVICE requirements are not applicable to U.S. Figure Skating Competitions.

BASIC NOVICE (Five (5) Elements)

Time 3:00 +/- 10 seconds

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. **Intersection** Element
 - Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is optional will be counted if executed correctly
2. **Pivoting** Element – **Block**
3. **Traveling** Element – **Wheel**

PLUS a Choice of one (1) Element from Group A and one (1) Element from Group B

4. **GROUP A**

Linear Element – **Line**

OR

Rotating Element – **Circle**

5. **GROUP B**

Creative Element – **Intersection**

OR

Mixed Element

ADVANCED NOVICE (Seven (7) Elements)

Time 3:00 +/- 10 seconds

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. **Intersection** Element
 - Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is optional will be counted if executed correctly
2. **Move** Element
3. **No Hold** Element
 - Additional Feature (Step Sequence (s)) is optional will be counted if executed correctly
4. **Pivoting** Element – Block
5. **Traveling** Element – Wheel

PLUS a Choice of one (1) Element from Group A and one (1) Element from Group B

6. GROUP A

Artistic Element – **Block**

OR

Artistic Element – **Line**

OR

Artistic Element – **Circle**

OR

Artistic Element – **Wheel**

7. GROUP B

Creative Element – **Intersection**

OR

Mixed Element

JUNIOR SHORT PROGRAM (Six (6) Elements)

Time: maximum 2:50

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. Intersection Element

- Whip Intersection
- Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is required

2. Move Element

- One (1) fm must be an unsupported spiral with the free leg extended to the back and must be executed by at least ½ of the team

3. No Hold Element

- Additional Feature (Step Sequence (s)) is required

4. Pivoting Element – Block

- Pivoting must be executed in three (3) lines

5. Synchronized Spin Element

- Must be an upright spin (no variation is permitted)

6. Twizzle Element

NOTE: The No Hold Element and Twizzle Element may not be executed one after the other

JUNIOR FREESKATE PROGRAM (Eight (8) Elements)

Time: 3:30 +/- 10 seconds

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. One (1) Intersection Element

- Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is optional and will be counted if executed correctly

2. Move Element

3. Travelling Element – Wheel

4. Twizzle Element

PLUS A Choice of one (1) Element from Group A and one (1) Element from Group B:

5. Group A

Synchronized Spin Element

OR

Pair Element

6. Group B

Creative Element – **Intersection**

OR

Mixed Element

PLUS A Choice of two (2) Different Artistic Elements from Group C

7. & 8. Group C

Artistic Element – **Block**

OR

Artistic Element – **Line**

OR

Artistic Element – **Circle**

OR

Artistic Element – **Wheel**

SENIOR SHORT PROGRAM (SIX (6) ELEMENTS) *Time: maximum 2:50*

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. **Intersection** Element
 - Angled Intersection
 - Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is required
2. **Move** Element
 - One (1) fm must be an unsupported spiral with the free leg extended to the back and must be executed by at least ½ of the team
3. **No Hold** Element
 - Additional Feature (Step Sequence (s)) is required
4. **Pivoting** Element – **Block**
 - Pivoting must be executed in four (4) lines
5. **Traveling** Element – **Wheel**
 - Must be a 3-spoke Wheel
6. **Twizzle** Element

NOTE: The No Hold Element and Twizzle Element may not be executed one after the other

SENIOR FREESKATE PROGRAM (Ten (10) Elements) *Time 4:00 +/- 10 seconds*

MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) REQUIRED ELEMENTS:

1. **Creative** Element – **Lift**
2. **Group Lift** Element with rotations
3. & 4. **Two (2) Different Intersection** Elements
 - Additional Feature (Point of Intersection (pi)) is optional and will be counted if executed correctly
5. **Move** Element
6. **Twizzle** Element

PLUS A Choice of one (1) Element from Group A

7. **Group A**
 - Pair** Element
 - OR**
 - Synchronized Spin** Element

PLUS A Choice of three (3) different Artistic Elements from Group B

8. 9. & 10. **Group B**
 - Artistic** Element – **Block**
 - OR**
 - Artistic** Element – **Line**
 - OR**
 - Artistic** Element – **Circle**
 - OR**
 - Artistic** Element – **Wheel**