



Technical Notification 95

Dated: December 1, 2011

Re: Ice Dance – Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice Pattern Dance event – Side to Start Error Calling Specifications – Technical Panel

Competition Guidance – Dance Referee and Technical Panel

Per Rule 6075 (H), the referee will announce, in advance, the side of the ice surface on which each pattern dance shall start. If a couple begins to perform the first pattern on the incorrect side, the following actions are to be followed:

1. The referee must signal the couple to stop. The couple must stop skating at the signal of the referee. The music must stop, and the judges and technical panel must cease their evaluations. The referee will instruct the couple of the correct direction to start the dance.
2. The couple will be allowed to restart the dance in the correct direction, including the introduction, in its entirety.
3. If there were any calls by the technical panel during the first start of the pattern dance prior to the referee stopping the couple for not starting the dance on the correct side, e.g. fall(s) or key points, the technical panel will have these calls removed from the computer. Any judges' scores that were entered would have to be cleared out, too.
4. If the referee does not signal to stop and the couple continues to perform the pattern dance on the incorrect side of the ice, the technical panel will call the pattern dance in the order as skated without penalty with respect to the order of the patterns.

The following is an exception to Rule 1403 (E).