

Category: **Ice Dance**

Subject: **Handbooks for Officials 2017/18 – Additional Q&As #1**

Technical Panel, Referees and Judges

Questions (Required Elements)	Answers	Comments
What is allowed for the duration of the skidding movement after the completion of the PDE Rhumba and to indicate the beginning of the Pattern Dance Style Step Sequence (PSt)?	Based on the Coaches request, the duration of the skidding movement after the PDE Rhumba and at the beginning of the PSt may be up to two (2) measures.	
When performing the Slip Steps during the Cha Cha Pattern Dance Element, should both legs be straight?	No, there are two options: both legs straight with the front leg fully extended or the front leg of the Slip Steps fully extended and the back leg with the knee bent.	Per rule 704

Referees and Judges

Questions (clarifications)	Answers	Comments
Can any type of music be chosen for the Short Dance, Latin American Rhythms – 2017-2018, even if the tempo and/or rhythm pattern is in accordance to the specified rhythms?	When choosing music for the Short Dance, Latin American Rhythms – season 2017-2018, the music style must match the rhythm style of the Latin feeling.	If the incorrect music is chosen and according with Rule 353, paragraph 1.n, the Judges/Referee will deduct. The final deduction is 2 points.
When is the costume deduction applicable for the effect of excessive nudity?	Even sheer/transparent fabric which still gives the appearance of a natural skin tone nude look above the percentage allowed is not acceptable.	Costume restrictions per Communication 2076 and Rule 501 still apply.

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When selecting Rhythms for the 2017-2018 Short Dance, may a couple skate to Reggae, Reggaeton, Tango, Spanish Flamenco or Hip Hop?	Reggae, Hip Hop, Tango and Spanish Flamenco are not included in the list of rhythms for season 2017/18 Reggaeton and Songs with spoken lyrics may be suitable provided there is the correct style and feeling of the Latin Rhythms for this season.	
When performing the Cha Cha Pattern Dance during the Junior Short Dance, may the couple cross the long axis while skating steps #6 to #9, slip steps?	After receiving requests from coaches, the IDTC has decided to allow skaters to cross the long axis while skating steps #6 to #9.	
If during a Spin or Combination Spin the couple separates to change hold, is there a restriction regarding the distance apart?	YES, A couple cannot be more than two arms length apart during a change of hold.	
Is Wrist to Wrist Hold the same as Hand in Hand Hold?	Yes, when judges are evaluating the Step Sequences in Hold, extended Hand in Hand (or Wrist to Wrist) which is sustained is not allowed during the Step Sequences.	The appropriate reduction of GOE must be applied per each occurrence.