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PRE-JUVENILE PAIRS 2:00 +/- 10 sec	1 Lift Group 1 Lift or Group 2 Waist Lift Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combo lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are NOT permitted Min ½ rev by man (no max)	N/A	1 (optional) Throw Jump Single	1 Solo Jump Single	Jump Sequence Jump Sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Single jumps only Jump combination not permitted	1 Solo Spin Min 3 revs No change of foot or position	1 Pair Spin Min 3 revs No change of foot or position	1 (optional) Pivot Figure No minimum requirements Pivot figure not eligible for features	1 Step Sequence* Utilizing one- half the ice surface Stroking both forward and backward, clockwise and counterclockwis e *If IJS is used, then: ChSt
JUVENILE PAIRS 2:30 +/- 10 sec	Max 1 Lift Lift may be chosen from Group 1 or Group 2 Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combo lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are NOT permitted Min 1 rev by man (no max)	N/A	Max 1 Throw Jump Any throw single jump OR Throw double Salchow OR Throw double loop	Max 1 Solo Jump Single or double	Max 1 Jump Sequence or Jump Combination Max 2 jumps in jump combination Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Single or double jumps only	Max 1 Solo Spin or Solo Spin Combination Min 5 revs Change of foot, change of position, and flying entry are optional If combination, must have all 3 basic positions to receive full value.	Max 1 Pair Spin Min 3 revs Change of position optional No change of foot	Max 1 Pivot Figure Regular 1-hand- to-1-hand hold required Pivot figure not eligible for features When the position is attained, both partners must execute min ½ rev with the man clearly in pivot position	Max 1 Choreographic Sequence Must be clearly visible

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INTERMEDIATE PAIRS 3:00 +/- 10 sec	Max 2 Overhead Lifts Lifts can be selected from Groups 1-4 and must be different Variations of the lady's position, no-handed and one-handed lifts, combo lifts, lifts that include a carry feature, carry lifts and lifts that turn in both directions are NOT permitted; however, if a pair executes a platter lift, the release of the lady's hands after the lift extension has been achieved is not a violation of this rule. Min 1 rev by man (no max)	Max 1 Twist Lift Single Take off must be flip or Lutz	Max 2 Throw Jumps Single or double Must be different	Max 1 Solo Jump Single or double	Max 1 Jump Sequence or Jump Combination Max 2 jumps in jump combination Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Single or double jumps only	Max 1 Solo Spin or Solo Spin Combination Min 5 revs Change of foot, change of position and flying entry are optional Both partners must achieve a basic position (sit/camel/upright) for at least 2 revs If combination, must have all 3 basic positions to receive full value.	N/A	Max 1 Death Spiral or Pivot Figure Regular 1-hand-to-1-hand hold required Pivot figure not eligible for features When the position is attained, both partners must execute min ½ rev with the knees of the man clearly bent and in full pivot position	Max 1 Leveled Step Sequence Step sequence can achieve up to Level 2 Must be clearly visible
NOVICE PAIRS 3:30 +/- 10 sec	Max 2 Overhead Lifts Lifts must be from different groups, and 1 must be from Group 4 Variations of lady's position, no-handed, 1-handed, combo lifts and lifts that turn in both directions ARE permitted Carry lifts and carry features are NOT permitted Min 1 rev by man (no max)	Max 1 Twist Lift Single or double Take off must be flip or Lutz	Max 2 Throw Jumps Single, double or triple Must be different	Max 1 Solo Jump Single, double or triple If double Axel or triple, must be different from jumps executed in the jump sequence / combination	Max 1 Jump Sequence or Jump Combination Max 2 jumps in jump combination Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Both may include jumps with same name Single, double or triple jumps permitted	Max 1 Solo Spin or Solo Spin Combination Min 5 revs Change of foot, change of position and flying entry are optional Both partners must achieve a basic position (sit/camel/upright) for at least 2 revs If combination, must have all 3 basic positions to receive full value.	Max 1 Pair Spin or Pair Spin Combination Min 5 revs If pair spin combination, must have at least 1 change of foot and 1 change of position by each partner If combination, must have all 3 basic positions to receive full value.	Max 1 Death Spiral Regular 1-hand- to-1-hand hold required When the death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute min 1 rev with man in full pivot position Lady's head must reach the level of her skating knee	Max 1 Choreographic Sequence Must be clearly visible

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JUNIOR PAIRS 3:30 +/- 10 sec	Max 2 Overhead Lifts Not all from the same group Full extension of the lifting arms required Both lifts may include a carry feature, but only first attempt counts for level Carry lifts (1/2 rotation entry/exit) are permitted, but are not included in the allowed number of lifts (transitions only) Min 1 rev by man (no max)	Max 1 Twist Lift No limit to the number of revs Take off may be toe loop, loop, flip, Lutz or Axel	Max 2 Throw Jumps Must be different No limit to the number of revs	Max 1 Solo Jump No limit to the number of revs If double Axel, triple or quad, must be different from jumps executed in the jump sequence / combination	Max 1 Jump Sequence or Jump Combination Jump combination may consist of 2 or 3 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Both may include jumps with same name No limit to the number of revs	No longer required/allowed in junior pairs free skate	Max 1 Pair Spin Combination Must be combination Min 8 revs With a least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time (min 3 revs before and after change of foot) At least 2 different basic positions or their variations by each partner with at least 2 revs. each. Must have all 3 basic positions to receive full value.	Max 1 Death Spiral When the death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute min 1 rev with man in full pivot position Lady's head must reach the level of her skating knee Variations of arm holds and pivot positions are allowed	Max 1 Choreographic Sequence Must be clearly visible
SENIOR PAIRS 4:00 +/- 10 sec	Max 3 Overhead Lifts Not all from the same group Full extension of the lifting arms required If 2 Group 5 lifts are executed, each must have a different take off (toe, step, reverse, backward or Axel) All lifts may include a carry feature, but only first attempt counts for level Carry lifts (1/2 rotation entry/exit) are permitted, but are not included in the allowed number of lifts (transitions only) Min 1 rev by man (no max)	Max 1 Twist Lift No limit to the number of revs Take off may be toe loop, flip, Lutz or Axel	Max 2 Throw Jumps Must be different No limit to the number of revs	Max 1 Solo Jump No limit to the number of revs If double Axel, triple or quad, must be different from jumps executed in the jump sequence / combination	Max 1 Jump Sequence or Jump Combination Jump combination may consist of 2 or 3 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Both may include jumps with same name No limit to the number of revs	No longer required/allowed in senior pairs free skate	Max 1 Pair Spin Combination Must be combination Min 8 revs With at least one change of foot by each partner, not necessarily at the same time (min 3 revs before and after change of foot) At least 2 different basic positions or their variations by each partner with at least 2 revs. each. Must have all 3 basic positions to receive full value.	Max 1 Death Spiral Must be different from the death spiral in the short program When the death spiral position is attained, both partners must execute min 1 rev with man in full pivot position Lady's head must reach the level of her skating knee Variations of arm holds and pivot positions are allowed	Max 1 Choreographic Sequence Must be clearly visible

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