



## **Changes to Novice Dance**

The following changes to Novice Dance were passed at the 2011 ISA AGM; these changes are effective 1<sup>st</sup> May 2011 for all competitions.

Novice Dance will now perform the elements as listed for ISU Advanced Novice Competitions.

Segments to be skated in Novice Dance competitions are; 2 x Pattern Dances and Free Dance

Duration of Free Dance: 3:00 mins +/- 10 secs.

### **Pattern Dance**

The list of Pattern Dances will be announced annually by the ISU Ice Dance Technical Committee in an ISU Communication by the 1<sup>st</sup> June each year, to become effective on 1<sup>st</sup> July of the year of the announcement.

Two (2) Pattern Dances are to be skated for Novice.

For the **2010 / 2011** season, the dances to be skated are:

- Local, State and National Competitions – American Waltz and Kilian.
- National Championships – Starlight Waltz and Tango

For the **2011 / 2012** season, the dances to be skated are:

- Local, State and National Competitions – Rocker Foxtrot and European Waltz.
- National Championships – Starlight Waltz and Tango

### **Free Dance**

ISU Rule 610 shall apply except that vocal music is NOT permitted. The use of vocal music shall be considered as a violation of music restriction and penalised as per ISU Rule 653, paragraph 1 n) (ii) and ISU Rule 409, paragraph 1.

Requirements for the music and the costume: as per ISU Communication 1610 and subsequent updates of ISU Communication 1649 (except that music may not be vocal).

A well balanced Free Dance program must contain:

a) **Two (2) different Types of Short Lifts** (as defined in ISU Rule 604, paragraph 16), chosen from the following Types of Lifts:

- a. Straight Line Lift
- b. Curve Lift
- c. Rotational Lift

In addition, one (1) additional Lift (up to 6 secs) without any requirement for the Level of Difficulty is permitted (provided it is not an Illegal Lift) but only the first two Lifts performed will be identified and considered in determining the Level of Difficulty. However if a fourth lift is performed, it will be considered by the Technical Panel as an extra element.

In case a Stationary Lift is performed among the two Lifts with a Level of Difficulty, it will be identified by the Technical Panel to occupy a box, given No Value and considered an extra element (element not according to the Well Balanced Program).

b) **One (1) Spin** (as defined in Rule 604, paragraph 14 e), but not more

**Note:** A Combination Spin is not permitted. In case a Combination Spin is performed instead of a Spin, it will be identified by the Technical Panel to occupy a box, given No Value, and considered as an extra element (element not according to the Well Balanced Program).

- c) **One (1) Step Sequence in hold** of any type of Groups A or B (as defined in ISU Rule 603, paragraph 3).  
The restrictions listed in ISU Communication 1610 and subsequent updates of ISU Communication 1649 apply.
- d) **One (1) Set of Synchronized Twizzles** (as defined in ISU Rule 604, paragraph 14 a) and b): only the first set of Synchronized Twizzles skated will be identified and considered for the Level of Difficulty.

### **Levels explanations**

In all Required Elements, all features up to **Level 4** will be counted.

All **Program Components** are judged with the following factors:

Skating Skills	1.10
Transitions / Linking Footwork / Movements	0.90
Performance / Execution	0.90
Composition / Choreography	0.90
Interpretation / Timing	0.90

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