



Ice Skating Australia Incorporated
Affiliated to the International Skating Union

2014 Technical and Regulations Communication No 61

Effective Date for ISU Communications – Singles / Pairs

All skaters, coaches, officials and competition organisers are advised that the recently released ISU Communication No 1861 for Singles / Pairs **WILL** take effect for Australian competitions **after the 1st August 2014**.

The ISU Communications that are to be used by the Technical and Judging Panels for Levels of Difficulty, Scale of Values and GOE for all Singles / Pairs competitions until the 1st August 2014 is ISU Communication 1790.

As per ISA Rule 602, paragraph 6, the ISU changes to Program Elements for Junior Short Programs (Singles) and Senior and Junior Short Programs (Pairs) will be used from the 1st February 2014. The Technical Controller and Referee will manually verify the elements in the IJS during competitions until the updated IJS is released.

The implementation of the new **Levels of Difficulty** and Scale of Values contained in ISU Communication 1861 **CANNOT** be used until the updated software for the IJS is released by Swiss Timing.

The new version of the software is expected to be available sometime after the 1st August 2014, until that time the existing levels of difficulty, as contained in ISU Communication No 1790 will be used by the Technical Panel.

Ice Skating Australia is aware that skaters need to start working on their programs for the upcoming season incorporating these new rules. ISA are also mindful that in addition to the changes announced in ISU Communication 1861 there are also rule changes proposed at the upcoming ISU Congress in June 2014 and we should not be pre-empting rule changes that could occur at the ISU Congress to be held in June 2014.

Any rule changes that eventuate as a result of proposals presented at the ISU Congress will be effective from the 1st July 2014. These changes will be summarised in a subsequent communication.

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