



Primary Pairs changes due to ISU Communication 1947

The ISU have recently released Communication 1947 which incorporates changes to ISU Novice Level requirements and replace ISU Communication 1886 and Novice Information in ISU Communication 1856.

Ice Skating Australia is obliged to follow these rules for Primary Pairs as Primary Pairs follows **ISU Basic Novice Pairs** rules.

These updated technical requirements are effective immediately for all competitions and Primary Pair Tests. The following changes will be required to skaters programs:

- One solo spin in one position or one pair spin.

Primary Pairs perform the elements as listed for **ISU Basic Novice Pairs** Competitions.

Skaters and Coaches are advised to review the full ISU Communication 1947 for complete details.

Segments to be skated in Primary Pairs competitions are; Free Skate

The new elements are:

Free Skate

A well balanced ISU Basic Novice Pairs Free Skate program must contain:

- a) Two different lifts of Group 1 to Group 2, one arm holds not allowed (full extension of the lifting arm of the partner is not required)
- b) One Twist Lift (Single)
- c) One Solo Jump (Single or Double)
- d) One Solo Spin in one position or one pair spin.
 - The solo spin can be executed with a change of foot and a min of 8 revs in total or without a change of foot and min of 5 revs.
 - The pair spin must be executed with a min of 5 revs.
- e) One Pivot Figure
- f) One step sequence fully utilising the ice surface

Deductions for falls will be 0.5 per fall – 1 skater

Deductions for falls will be 1.0 per fall for both skaters

Competition Implications

The latest IJS software when issued by the ISU includes the latest verification rules, when the Primary Pairs event is setup correctly.

Testing Implications

Updated test papers will be released shortly, in the meantime Judges should ensure they are aware of the updated elements, and make the appropriate changes manually on the forms.

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