



Novice 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 Novice Pairs as Novice Pairs follows **ISU Advanced Novice Pairs** rules.

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

- Short Program – One pair spin with at least one change of position of each partner
- Free Skate – One solo spin or solo spin combination without change of foot.

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

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

Segments to be skated in Novice Pairs competitions are; Short Program and Free Skate

Short Program

- a) One lift of Groups 1 to 4, one arm holds not allowed
- b) One Twist lift (Single or Double)
- c) One Solo Jump (Single or Double)
- d) One pair spin with at least one change of position of each partner (min 6 revs).
- e) One death spiral
- f) One step sequence fully utilising the ice surface

Free Skating

A well balanced Novice Pairs Free Skating program must contain:

- a) Two different lifts of Group 1 to Group 4, one arm holds not allowed (in group 1 and 2 full extension of the lifting arm of the partner is not required)
- b) One Twist Lift (Single or Double)
- c) One Throw Jump (Single or Double)
- d) One Solo Jump (Single or Double)
- e) One solo spin or solo spin combination without change of foot (min 6 revs).
- f) One Death Spiral
- g) 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 Novice Pairs event is set up 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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