



**Ice Skating Australia Incorporated**  
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**2015 Technical and Regulations Communication No 81**

All Skaters, Coaches, Officials and Competition organisers are advised the recently released ISU Communication No 1944 that is used by the Technical and Judging Panels for Levels of Difficulty, Scale of Values and GOE for all Singles / Pairs competitions **WILL** take effect for Australian competitions held **after the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015**.

All skaters and coaches are advised to review ISU Communication 1944 and if necessary adjust their programs to reflect the new methods of determining the levels of difficulty in elements.

A following is the major change that will affect **all** competition divisions.

**Step Sequence**

The elements (now called difficult turns and steps) that that **can be counted** towards the number of steps and turns performed for determining variety are now: twizzles, brackets, loops, counters, rockers, choctaws.

The following elements may still be performed but will **no longer be counted** in the number of turns or steps performed for determining level of difficulty: three turns, mohawks, toe steps, chasses, change of edge and cross-rolls.

Minimum Variety (Level 1)	5 difficult turns and steps
Simple Variety (Level 2)	7 difficult turns and steps
Variety (Level 3)	9 difficult turns and steps
Complexity (Level 4)	11 difficult turns and steps, none of the types can be counted more than twice, 5 types must be executed in both directions

The 2015/2016 Technical Panel Handbook that supports the communication as yet is not released, but the ISA Board of Management will arrange appropriate support to the Technical Panel to interpret this communication for its use in the upcoming Wintersun 2015 event to be held in Brisbane from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

**Competition Implications**

The updated IJS software is not yet released therefore the 2014/2015 SOV will still be used instead of the 2015/2015 season SOV. In addition, the V1 sign will display on competition printouts instead of the new V sign.

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