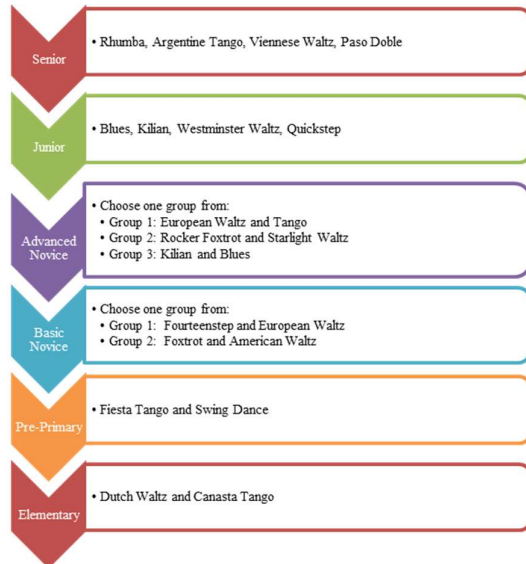




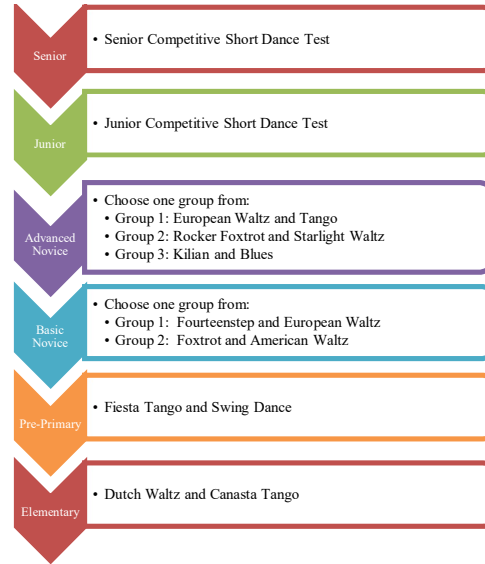
Changes - Ice Dance Test Structure

All Skaters, Coaches, Officials and Test Convenors are advised of the following changes to Ice Dance Test Structure. Changes approved at the recent 2016 ISA AGM **WILL TAKE EFFECT as at 1 May 2016.**

1. Pattern Dance Test Structure



2. Competitive Pattern/Short Dance Test Structure



ISA By Laws:

The ISA By Laws Section 4, will be updated to reflect the following rule changes once completed the amended rules will be available on the ISA Website.

Test Implications

Test Papers and Patterns are currently under revision and once completed will be available on the ISA Website.

Officials

Please note effective start date and ensure Ice Dance Tests reflect the new structure.



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- 1) Rule 415 (1): "Tests in ice dance comprise selected pattern dances from Elementary to Senior level and Competitive Short dances for Junior and Senior levels."
- 2) Rule 415 (2): "Competitive Short Dance tests must be performed by a competitive dance partnership. The composition of a couple attempting the Competitive Short Dance tests is one lady and one man. A coach or other person or ineligible person cannot perform a Competitive Short Dance test with a partner. The Short Dance tests can only be performed by an established competitive skating partnership".
- 3) Rule 415 (8): "A dance partnership with a current record of Basic Novice Championship or above, may choose to be judged as a couple for Advanced Novice Pattern Dance Tests. A dance partnership ONLY can be judged as a couple for the Junior and Senior Competitive Short Dance tests."
- 4) Rule 415 (9): "For Junior or Senior, a skater/couple must perform the test which reflects their partnership circumstances at the time of submitting the test application. This is relevant for Competitive Short Dance tests. ONLY Competitive couples may perform the Competitive Short Dance test options. A skater who has previously been in, but is currently not in, a competitive partnership, must perform the respective Pattern Dance Test for the next level. Should a partnership end and one partner make a new competitive partnership, in circumstances where neither partner has the relevant ice dance test for the level intended to compete, the partnership together perform the respective Pattern Dance Tests for levels up to and including Advanced Novice, or, if Junior and Senior level, performs the Competitive Short Dance Test as a couple. If in a new partnership one skater has the required Test (pattern or short dance) and the other does not, the second partner must perform the respective Pattern Dance test for levels up to and including Advanced Novice. For Junior or Senior, the couple will perform the respective Competitive Short Dance test together.
- 5) Rule 416 (1): "The music for each prescribed pattern dance is selected by the Test Organiser or Test Referee from the ISU dance recordings. In accordance with ISU Rule 707 (5) and ISU Communication 1947 and any consequent communications, a dance partnership may use their own music for one of the pattern dances in the Group chosen to be tested.
- 6) Rule 417 (5): "Pattern dance tests are to be performed before any Competitive Short Dance tests."
- 7) Rule 419: "There are six pattern dance tests and two Competitive Short Dance tests".
- 8) The ISA Ice Dance Test System be altered as detailed for the Basic Novice (formerly Primary) Test:



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Basic Novice Test:

Either Group 1 or Group 2 (each group comprises two (2) pattern dances) of the ISU Groups of Pattern Dances for Basic Novice as designated by the ISU for the current or next season in ISU Communication 1947 and its consequent communications. The use of own music by a couple for one (1) of the Pattern Dances is permitted in accordance with ISU Communication 1947 and other ISU Communications, and ISU Rule 707 (5). The other Pattern Dance will be tested to ISU Music in accordance with ISU Rules.

Pass Marks: Will remain unchanged, refer ISA Rule 414

- 9) The ISA Ice Dance Test System be altered as detailed for the Advanced Novice (formerly Novice) Test:

Advanced Novice Test:

Either Group 1 or Group 2 or Group 3 (each group comprises two (2) pattern dances) of the ISU Groups of Pattern Dances for Advanced Novice as designated by the ISU for the current or next season in ISU Communication 1947 and its consequent communications. The use of own music by a couple for one (1) of the Pattern Dances is permitted in accordance with ISU Communication 1947 and other ISU Communications and ISU Rule 707 (5). The other Pattern Dance will be tested to ISU Music in accordance with ISU Rules.

Pass Marks: Will remain unchanged refer, ISA Rule 414

Please note: The Pattern Dances for Basic Novice and Advanced Novice International Competition are announced annually but changed every 2-3 years and are communicated by the ISU accordingly. As such, it is recommended the options to test be consistent with ISU Communications and ISU Rule 711 (1) as to Basic Novice and Advanced Novice Pattern Dance International Competition requirements, therefore requiring in the future potentially less amendment.

- 10) The ISA Ice Dance Test System will be altered as detailed by adding two **NEW** tests:
Junior Competitive Short Dance Test and **Senior Competitive Short Dance Test**.

Junior Competitive Short Dance Test:

Short Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dance Elements, Rhythm and Required Elements in accordance with ISU Communications for the current or next season.

Pass Marks: A Pass cannot be awarded if more than one element has a GOE of -3 or more than two elements have a GOE of -2.

Senior Competitive Dance Test:

Short Dance with the current or next season's Pattern Dance Elements, Rhythm and Required Elements in accordance with ISU Communications for the current or next season.

Pass Marks: A Pass cannot be awarded if more than one element has a GOE of -3 or more than two elements have a GOE of -2.



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Repeats:

A maximum of two repeats are permitted for required elements in the Competitive Short Dance Tests. The element(s) to be repeated must be from the elements already executed, either one element twice or two elements once each. No substitutions of elements are permitted from those already executed.

Please note:

The Short Dance Pattern Dance Elements and Rhythm change every season and are communicated by the ISU Technical Committee, Ice Dance, twice yearly. As such, the options to test will be consistent with ISU Communications and ISU Rules as to Short Dance requirements therefore requiring in the future potentially less amendment.

These new tests offer an alternative pathway to existing Junior and Senior Pattern Dance tests for Competitive Couples. Non-Competitive couples are not eligible to perform the Competitive Short Dance Tests.

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