



2011-2012 Technical Q & A #10

Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) Judging System Clarifications

SINGLE SKATING - SHORT AND FREE

Requirements for basic positions in combination spins

(NOTE: See also Q & A #5)

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The clarifications below have either been received from the ISU Technical Committees and/or Sports Directorate or sourced in the ISU Technical Panel Handbook. Any further official clarifications provided by the ISU after the date of this communication will take precedence and will be communicated via this website.

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(1) Question:: The program requirements for the short program (both domestic and ISU) state that the combination spin (with change of foot) must include two basic positions for Pre-Novice and Novice and three basic positions for Junior and Senior. What happens if the skater does not fulfill these requirements in the short program?

Answer: The maximum possible technical call is Level 1. If the skater has no basic position on one foot, the call is “no level”. (“Elements with no Level or maximum only Level 1 2011-2012”, www.isu.org, <Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance><ISU Judging System>< Single and Pair Skating>) For the GOE’s, there is no longer a mandatory reduction if the skater does not fulfill this requirement. The ISU removed the mandatory reduction from the GOE reduction sheet as skaters were receiving a double penalty if this was not achieved – one from the technical panel (levels) and one from the judges (GOE). This change is quoted below:

According to the ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Single Skating (page 3 of Spins):

Less than 3 basic positions (spin combination Short Program)	If a skater performs less than the required 3 basic positions (upright, sit, camel) with not less than 2 revolutions, the Level of the spin combination cannot be more than 1 and the Judges will also reduce the GOE.
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Note: there has been no change to the reduction in GOE required if the skater has less than the required revolutions in the spin as a whole (-1 to -2 reduction). For example, if a spin is required to have ten revolutions in total and the skater does seven, the judge will reduce the GOE by -1 or -2.

(2) Question: What happens to the combination spin in the free program if the skater does not complete the required number of basic positions?

Answer: There are no requirements to complete a specified number of basic positions for the combination spin in the free program. This is different, therefore, from the short program. For Pre-novice and Novice, the Well Balanced Program requires “a combination spin with at least one change of foot” (“Skate Canada 2011-2012 Singles Pre-Event Technical Package”, page 2-4, www.skatecanada.ca <Members Only><Technical and Programs><CompetitiveSkate>). For Junior and Senior, “in the spin combination, the change of foot is optional and the number of different positions is free” (“ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Singles Skating, Spins,”, page 2, www.isu.org, <Single & Pair Skating/Ice Dance><ISU Judging System>< Single and Pair Skating>). If there is no basic position at all in these spins, the call will be “no level”. For a combination spin with no change of foot that has only one basic position with two revolutions, the maximum is Level 1. For a combination spin with a change of foot that has less than three basic positions with two revolutions the maximum is Level 1 (“Elements with no Level or Maximum only Level 1”, www.isu.org, <Single & Pair Skating/ Ice Dance><ISU Judging System>< Single and Pair Skating>). Judges assign a GOE according to all the quality points and reductions of ISU Communications 1611 and 1672.

(3) Question: Does the rationale in the answers to questions 1 and 2 apply to a skater who completes one basic position and one intermediate position?

ANSWER: According to the ISU Technical Panel Handbook – Single Skating (page 3 of Spins):

Spin with one basic position and one intermediate position	The Technical Panel will have the right to decide if a spin is a spin combination or a spin in one position or a flying spin with the following guideline: if the spin contains two positions (with any number of revolutions) that are quite different from each other, it’s a combination.
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This box guides the technical panel in deciding whether a spin is in fact a combination spin or a spin in one position or a flying spin. If the spin presented by the skater fulfills the definition of a spin combination, then the level assigned by the technical panel will follow the guidelines in 1 and 2 above. Judges assign a



GOE according to all the quality points and reductions of ISU Communications 1611 and 1672 (www.isu.org, <Single & Pair Skating/ Ice Dance><ISU Judging System>< Single and Pair Skating>).