

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1658

### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Guidelines for Judges Reduction of GOE for Errors in Synchronized Skating Elements  
Guidelines for Referees and Technical Panel Deductions  
Guidelines for Marking of GOE  
Program Component Chart

(Replaces ISU Communications #1298 and #1587)

Clarifications to ISU Communications #1636 and #1649  
(NEW - underlined and bold)

Update to Summary of Calls Junior and Senior Short Program  
(NEW - underlined and bold)

1. Clarifications to ISU Communication #1636 (NEW - underlined and bold)

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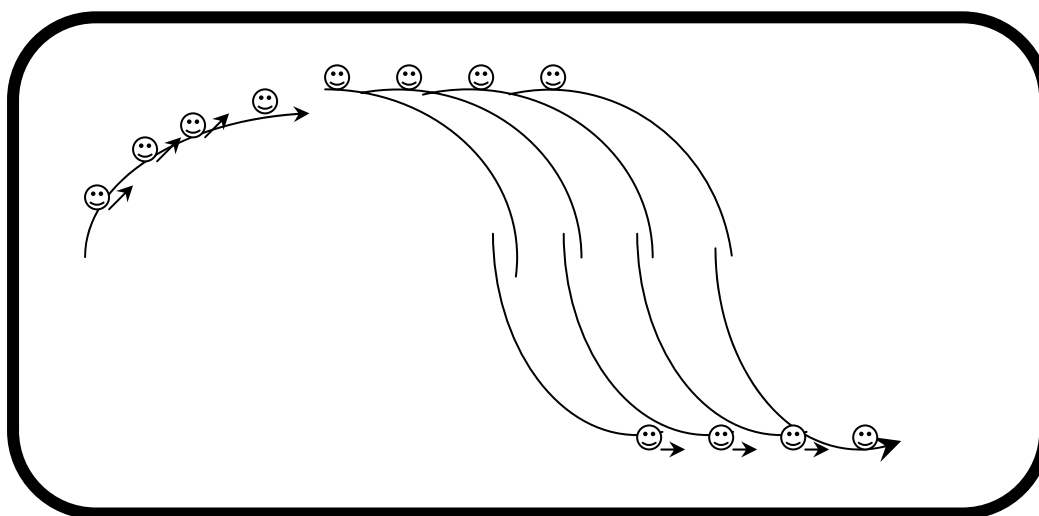
Variations may be executed at the same time as other variations except in the following case:

**One Change of Configuration (simple or difficult) and pivoting may not be executed at the same time: In this case only the Change of Configuration will be counted (if uninterrupted)**

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#### FREE SKATING MOVES (fm) FEATURE

- In the short program all skaters must change edge at the same time
- **The team is permitted to “follow the leader” as long as each skater change edge(s) at the same time.**



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Block Element – Difficult Variation - Pivoting (minimum 180°) executed with a series of a minimum of three (3) different types of turns executed consecutively on one (1) foot from choice of rocker,

counter, bracket, twizzle. The pivot point must change ends

- **Edge(s) during the series of three (3) different turns that are held for an excessively long time will be reflected by a reduction in the GOE**

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2. One (1) Change of Configuration, executed with a minimum one (1) 360° rotation / turn(s). (Linking steps are permitted, *except for crossovers*) Example: One (1) line to two (2) lines OR two (2) lines to one (1) line

- The two (2) separate lines may or may not be parallel to each other as long as they remain within 1/3 of the ice surface **three (3) meters from each other.**

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Interacting and Pivoting Lines

- Lines must change positions as they pivot
- **The lines are permitted to change positions more than once**

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Movements in Isolation

The remaining skaters executing their fe (or fm) (not for points) **for MI3**;

- These remaining skaters may use the same or a different fe (or fm) than each other
- These fe /fm's may be executed either in a formation, **pairs** or as individuals
- fe /fm's must be executed at approximately the same time **as the fe /fm for points**
- **The remaining skaters must correctly execute or attempt a different fe/fm (not for points) from the same level or higher level than the fe/fm considered for points in order for MI3 to be called**
- **If the fe/fm's (not for points) are attempted but not executed correctly, MI3 will still be called and the attempted fe/fm's will be reflected in the GOE.**
- **Attempt is defined as; when the skaters make an unsuccessful effort to correctly execute the fe/fm**

#### CALLING MI

In Senior **for MI3**;

- the remaining skaters must be executing a different fe from the same **or higher** level as the fe being executed for points
  - **example: fe2 for points + remaining skaters executing fe2 or fe3**

In Junior **for MI3**;

- If the skaters are executing an fe for points then the remaining skaters must also be executing a different fe from the same **or a higher** level
  - **example: fe2 for points + remaining skaters executing fe2 or fe3**
  - **fe for points + remaining fm; is not acceptable as this combination is not comparable in difficulty**
- If the skaters are executing an fm for points then the remaining skaters must execute a different **fe or fm** from the same **or a higher** level
  - **example: fm2 for points + remaining skaters executing fm2/fm3 or fe2/fe3**
  - **the remaining skaters are allowed to perform several different fe or fm from the appropriate level**

#### 2. Clarifications to ISU Communication #1649 (NEW)

ISU Novice Free Skating Guidelines (Basic and Advanced categories)

**The highest Difficulty Group of an element may be attempted (except MI4) however; one (1) difficulty group lower will be called and shown on the report card.**

**The highest difficulty Group of a Feature may be attempted and will be called as executed.**

- **Variations without DED(s) (except for excessive use of ice) will take priority towards achieving the highest level before variations with DED(s)**
  - **example 1: the team attempts B4 but the pivoting has one (1) incorrectly executed turn (DED1), the other two (2) difficult variations are executed correctly resulting in the call B3**
  - **example 2: the team attempts B4 but the pivoting has one (1) incorrectly executed turn (DED1) and only one (1) of the other two (2) difficult variations are executed correctly resulting in the call B3 + DED1**
- **The team must not exceed the maximum size (ice requirement) for each element (including all variations attempted)**
  - **example: the team attempts C4 and all three (3) variations are executed correctly but while doing the change of rotational direction the circle becomes larger than 1/3 of the length of the ice resulting in the call C3 + DED2**

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## 2.2 Free Skating

- (g) One (1) Step Sequence (either Circle, Block or NHSS formation)

## 3. Update to Summary of Calls

### **SUMMARY OF CALLS – Junior and Senior Short Program - Page 6**

MOVES IN THE FIELD (Senior Short Program – All fm's with a change of edge)

All skaters must execute the same free skating move, in the same position, on the same edge at the same time (including free skating moves with a change of edge)

~~Feature (fm) is not counted + Additional Feature is not called; if all skaters are not on the same edge and / or in the same position~~

**If three or more skaters change edge at different times OR are on different edges OR in different directions OR are on different feet; then the fm will be lowered one level for each error**

### **SUMMARY OF CALLS – Junior and Senior Short Program - Page 8**

All Skaters must execute the same spiral, in the same skating direction, on the same foot, on the same edge at the same time

~~Spiral element is not called; if all skaters are not on the same edge/direction/foot and/or in the same position~~

**If three (3) or more skaters change edge at different times OR are on different edges OR in different directions OR are on different feet; then the Spiral Element will be lowered by one level for each error**

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