

# INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION

## Communication No. 1167

### JUDGES GUIDELINES FOR DEDUCTIONS IN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING (revision of Communication No. 1122)

#### I. Examples of Short Program deductions as guidelines for the Judges

##### A) Deductions in the mark for Required Elements

###### General

Omission	0.6
Maximum deduction / required element	0.5
Added / repeated element	0.2
Break in execution of the element	0.1-0.2
Stumble during an required element	0.1-0.2
Not according to requirements	0.1-0.2

###### Falls

Major ( <i>more than one skater for prolonged time</i> )	0.4-0.5
Medium ( <i>either one skater for prolonged time or down and up for more than one skater</i> )	0.3
Minor ( <i>one skater down and up</i> )	0.2

###### JUNIOR

###### CIRCLE

More than 2 circles at one time	0.3
<b>Incorrect required step sequence/for each</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Less than 2 different holds	<b>0.2</b>

###### LINE

<b>Incorrect pattern</b>	<b>0.1 - 0.3</b>
<b>Incorrect ice coverage</b>	0.1 - 0.3
More than 2 lines at one time	0.3
<b>Incorrect required step sequence/for each</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Less than 2 different holds	<b>0.2</b>
Line pivot more than 90 degrees (at one time)	0.2

###### BLOCK

<b>Incorrect configuration</b>	0.2 - 0.3
<b>Incorrect ice coverage</b>	0.1 - 0.3
<b>Incorrect required step sequence/for each</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Less than 2 different holds	<b>0.2</b>

###### WHEEL

More than 1 wheel at one time	0.3
More/less than 2 geometrical shapes	0.3
Geometrical shape repeated	0.3

###### INTERSECTION

More than 2 intersections	0.3
Intersections not consecutive	0.3
Collision during intersection	0.1-0.3

###### SENIOR

###### SPIN

<b>Incorrect spin position</b>	<b>0.2 - 0.3</b>
<b>Jump at entry or in change of foot</b>	<b>0.2 - 0.3</b>
<b>Touch down with free foot or hand(s)</b>	<b>0.1 - 0.2</b>

###### MOVES IN THE FIELD

<b>Incorrect pattern</b>	<b>0.1 - 0.3</b>
<b>Element linked to block</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Retgression</b>	<b>0.2 - 0.3</b>
<b>Team not acting as one unit</b>	<b>0.1 - 0.3</b>
<b>Less than full circle/oval (360 degrees)</b>	<b>0.2</b>

###### BLOCK

<b>Incorrect configuration</b>	0.2 - 0.3
<b>Incorrect ice coverage</b>	0.1 - 0.3
<b>Incorrect required step sequence/for each</b>	<b>0.2</b>

###### WHEEL

More than 1 wheel at one time	0.3
More/less than 2 geometrical shapes	0.3
Geometrical shape repeated	0.3
<b>Incorrect required /prescribed wheel</b>	<b>0.3</b>

###### INTERSECTION

More than 2 intersections	0.3
Intersections not consecutive	0.3
Collision during intersection	0.1-0.3
<b>Incorrect required /prescribed intersection</b>	<b>0.3</b>

## B) Deductions in the marks for Presentation

Music not according to requirements	0.1
Clothing not according to requirements	0.1
Make-up not according to requirements	0.1

## C) Deductions in both marks

### Illegal elements

Lifts of any variety	0.1
Jumps of more than ½ revolution	0.1
Assisted jumps	0.1
Intersections incorporating back spirals	0.1
Prolonged / kneeling on the ice	0.1
Movements in isolation	0.1
Highlighting of a skater(s)	0.1

### Program duration

Duration longer than 2 min.40 sec	0.1
(each 10 sec over time)	

## II. Examples of Free Program deductions as guidelines for the Judges

### A) Deductions in the mark for Technical Merit

#### *Unbalanced program (maximum deduction 0.5):*

Elements not balanced	0.2
Excessive sub-grouping ("split programs")	0.2
<b>Excessive use of Movements in isolation</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<i>(Senior max. 5 , Junior max.4)</i>	
Holds not according to requirements	0.2
<i>(Senior at least 4, Junior at least 3)</i>	

### B) Deductions in the marks for Presentation

Music not according to requirements	0.1
Clothing not according to requirements	0.1
Make-up not according to requirements	0.1

### C) Deductions in both marks

#### Illegal elements (Juniors)

Lifts of any variety	0.1
Jumps of more than 1 revolution	0.1
Intersections incorporating back spirals	0.1
Prolonged lying or kneeling on the ice	0.1
Highlighting of a skater(s)	0.1

#### Illegal elements (Seniors)

<b>Lifts other than defined in Rule 703, para 7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Jumps of more than 1 revolution	0.1
Intersections incorporating back spirals	0.1
Prolonged lying or kneeling on the ice	0.1
Highlighting of a skater(s)	0.1

#### Program duration

Duration shorter / longer than required	0.1 (each 10 sec under/over time)
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