

Rule Revisions

2014 ISI COMPETITION RULE REVISIONS

The following revisions go into effect for all ISI events starting Sept. 1, 2014.

Please [click here](#) to download a PDF version of these new **2014 Test & Competition Revisions**.

The diagrams for Dance Step Sequence 6 and 7 have been revised since the 2014 ISI Handbook was published. Please refer to the diagrams listed below.

As you teach and judge the new dance step sequences, please keep in mind:

While the steps listed in each sequence are required, the pattern may vary due to the strength and the size of the skater. Quality, correctness and definition of the edges and turns should be the key factors in evaluating the dance step sequences.

Download the 4 new Dance Step Sequences [HERE](#)

View the Dance Step Videos [HERE](#)

All skaters must use the new test requirements for competitions beginning September 1, 2014, regardless of when they passed the test.

[ISI Handbook Corrections.](#)

PRE-ALPHA-DELTA EVENTS

Revised Pre-Alpha-Delta judge criteria: Posture now graded as one criteria, Choreography & Pattern added, (Pattern & Rhythm replaced).

FREESTYLE EVENTS

- The Illusion (previously in FS 8 test requirements) is now an uncaptured move and may be performed at the Freestyle 4, Couple 4 and Pair 3 level or higher.
- A Sit, Camel or Layback spin in the opposite direction (previously not required at any level), is now a Freestyle 9 requirement, and therefore an illegal maneuver if performed below this level.

OPEN FREESTYLE EVENTS

| Event | Levels of Skaters | Maneuver Limitations | Duration |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Open Bronze | FS 1-3 | FS 3 and below | 2:00 |
| Open Silver | FS 4-5 | FS 5 and below | 2:00 |
| Open Gold | FS 6-7 | FS 7 and below | 3:00 |
| NEW Open Gold Short | FS 6-7 | FS 7 and below | 2:00 |
| Open Platinum | FS 8-10 | any maneuvers | 4:30 |
| NEW Open Platinum Short | FS 8-10 | any maneuvers | 3:00 |

Judging Criteria for Open Freestyle Short Program: (same as the long program) Correctness of Jumps, Correctness of Spins, Correctness of Turns & Edges, Choreography & Pattern, Variety of Moves, Music Interpretation, Posture, Presentation, Duration, General Overall

The penalty for performing an uncaptured maneuver at the wrong level will be the grade of 2.0 under Correctness of Jumps (Judge 1)

FIGURE EVENTS - CREATIVE

The design must be laid out once and retraced the same way or in a variation.

SOLO COMPULSORY EVENTS

- Skaters who have only passed an ISI Open Freestyle test must compete in Solo Compulsory event levels as follows: Bronze – Freestyle 3; Silver – Freestyle 5; Gold – Freestyle 7; Platinum – The skater can choose any Freestyle 8-10 level for their Solo Compulsory level
- The opposite jump in Freestyle 7, 9, and 10 and the opposite spin in Freestyle 9 must be performed in both directions. (also applies to Team Compulsory Event)

FOOTWORK & ARTISTIC EVENTS

- The Illusion is now an uncaptured move and may be performed at the Artistic 4 level or higher and may be performed at any level in Footwork events.
- Revised Artistic judging criteria: General Overall replaced with Artistic Impression.
- Revised Footwork judging criteria: Originality/Creativity eliminated
- Skaters must now enter Footwork events at their highest level test passed and registered in either ISI Dance or ISI Freestyle test.

PAIR, COUPLE, & COUPLE SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

| Event Levels of Skaters | Maneuver Limitations | Duration |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Open Bronze Pair 1-3 | Pair 3 & below | 2:00 |
| Open Silver Pair 4-5 | Pair 5 & below | 3:00 |
| Open Gold Pair 6-7 | Pair 7 & below | 3:00 |
| Open Platinum Pair 8-10 | any maneuvers | 4:30 |

- Skaters in the ISI Open Pair events are permitted to perform any spins at any level.
- The Illusion is now an uncaptured move and may be performed at the Freestyle 4, Couple 4 and Pair 3 level or higher.
- Flying Camel – holding the free foot or blade during the spin is considered an uncaptured maneuver and does not meet the test requirement.
- Uncaptured pair or adagio style lifts, and any overhead carry lifts are not allowed at Pair 1-5, Open Pair Bronze and Silver, or Couples Spotlight Low, Medium, and Intermediate levels.
- Uncaptured pair or adagio style lifts and any overhead carry lifts are not allowed at Couples 1-6 levels. Uncaptured pair or adagio spins are not allowed at the Couples 1-6 levels for safety reasons.
- Lifts cannot rotate more than as described in the Test Standards requirements.

ICE DANCING EVENTS

- Skaters may enter the ISI Choice Dance Event at their highest dance passed.
- Skaters are not limited to the number of introduction steps prior to the dance beginning or at the conclusion of the dance. Introductory or concluding steps will not be judged. It is recommended not to use more than 8 measures of music for the introduction.

OPEN SOLO FREE DANCE EVENTS

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| If a USFS skater has passed the Dance Test below | Skaters must test/compete in |
| Any dance of the Preliminary Dance Test | ISI no lower than |
| Preliminary | Bronze Open Solo Free Dance |
| Bronze | Bronze Open Solo Free Dance |
| Pre-Silver | Silver Open Solo Free Dance |
| Silver | Gold Open Solo Free Dance |
| Gold | Platinum Open Solo Free Dance |
| | Platinum Open Solo Free Dance |

Judging Criteria: (same as Free Dance 1-10) Test Level Maneuvers, Correctness, Interpretation, Extra Content, Pattern, Position, Timing, Unison, Posture, General Overall

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING EVENTS

- Synchronized Formation Compulsories and Synchronized Skating Compulsories will now have General Overall criteria added for all judges.
- In the Synchronized Formation Compulsories and Synchronized Skating Compulsories events, if a required element is repeated, the best performance (not necessarily the first performed) will be scored for the required element.
- In Synchronized Skating events, lifts are permitted in the Teen Skating, Teen Dance, Collegiate Skating and Collegiate Dance divisions only
- In Synchronized Open Skating events, lifts are permitted in the Teen and Collegiate divisions only.
- There are no required maneuvers in the Synchronized Open Skating events, however; no skaters are permitted to perform double or triple jumps, acrobatic lifts and backward arabesque/spiral intersections.

2014 ISI TEST REVISIONS

The following test revisions are effective for all ISI tests starting Sept. 1, 2014.

FREESTYLE TESTS

Revised Dance Step Sequence and Turn requirements for Freestyle 5-8 tests.

- Freestyle 5
 - Change Open Choctaw to Closed Choctaw
 - Added Right Forward Inside Twizzle and Right Backward Outside Twizzle
- Freestyle 6
 - Added Right Backward Inside Loop and Left Backward Inside Loop
- Freestyle 7
 - Added Right Backward Outside Double Twizzle and Left Forward Inside 1 ½ Twizzle
- Freestyle 8
 - Added Left Forward Outside 1 ½ Twizzle and Right Forward Outside 1 ½ Twizzle and Left Forward Outside Loop

Freestyle 8 change: The Illusion has been removed as a choice element. Camel-Jump-Camel is now the required element.

Freestyle 9 change: The Arabesque/Bauer/Spread Eagle Combinations has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with an Opposite Spin (Sit, Camel, or Layback position).

- Flying Camel – holding the free foot or blade during the spin is considered an uncaptured maneuver and does not meet the test requirement.
- Sit Spin – the free leg must be held in a forward position and not wrapped around the spinning foot.

OPEN FREESTYLE TESTS

- The Open Gold Freestyle test will now be the lowest equivalent level for skaters in ISI Freestyle 6-7, and will contain requirements from those levels
- The Open Platinum Freestyle test will now be the lowest equivalent level for skaters in ISI Freestyle 8-10, and will contain requirements from those levels

NEW! OPEN SOLO FREE DANCE TESTS:

See the section in the 2014 ISI Handbook for the required elements for each test level.

This event is a more creative way to demonstrate ice dancing skills without a partner.

| ISI Event | Suggested Levels of ISI Skaters | Duration |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Bronze | Free Dance 1-2, Dance 1 | 1:40 |
| Silver | Free Dance 3-4, Dance 2 | 2:00 |
| Gold | Free Dance 5-6, Dance 4 | 2:20 |
| Platinum | Free Dance 7-8, Dance 6 | 2:50 |
| Diamond | Free Dance 9-10, Dance 8-10 | 3:20 |

ICE DANCING TESTS

ISI dances may be taken and passed one dance at a time.

- Skaters are not limited to the number of introduction steps prior to the dance beginning or the conclusion of the dance. Introductory steps will not be judged. It is recommended not to use more than 8 measures of music for the introduction.
- All dances in Dance Tests 2-10 must be skated through two patterns with the following exceptions: Fourteen Step, Foxtrot, Rocker Foxtrot, Blues, Quickstep must be skated through three patterns and Kilian must be skated through four patterns.

PAIR & OPEN PAIR TESTS

There are new Dance Step sequence and Turn requirements for the ISI Pair 5, 6, 7, 8, Open Silver, Gold, and Platinum Pair tests.

- Pair 4: The previous Two Walley Jump requirement is now changed to one Walley Jump.
- Pair 5: The Axel Lift has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with the Double Lutz Lift
- Pair 6:
 - The Press Lift has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with the

- Single Twist Lift
- The Throw Axel has been removed as a required element and had been replaced with a Throw Single Salchow
- Now includes a Choice of One: Double Salchow Jumps or Double Toe Loops
- Pair 7:
 - The Hip Axel Lift has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with the Throw Axel
 - Camel-Sit-Upright Spin has been removed as a required element and had been replaced with the Axel Lift
 - Double Flip Jumps has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with Double Loop Jumps
- Pair 8: Double Loop Jumps has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with Double Flip Jumps
- Pair 9: Camel-Jump-Camel Spin has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with a Flying Combination Spin with change of foot and position
- Pair 10:
 - Now includes a Choice of either Double Axel Jumps OR Triple Jump of choice
 - Combination Spins has been removed as a required element and had been replaced with a Combination Pair Spin with one change foot for each partner
 - Throw Double Axel requirement has changed to Choice of Throw Double Jumps

The Open Gold Pair test will now be the lowest equivalent level for skaters in ISI Pair 6-7, and will contain requirements from those levels

The Open Platinum Pair test will now be the lowest equivalent level for skaters in ISI Pair 8-10, and will contain requirements from those levels

Lifts cannot rotate more than as described in the Test Standards requirements.

COUPLE TESTS

- Revised Dance Step Sequence and Turn requirements for Couple 5, 6, 8, 9 tests. Download the new Dance Step patterns from the ISI website.
- Couple 9 change: The Illusion has been removed as a required element and has been replaced with only a Camel-Jump-Camel Spin.

2012 ISI Test & Competition Revisions

Please [click here](#) for the complete list of new **2012 Test & Competition Revisions**.

2012 ISI Handbook Corrections

There are several corrections for the new 2012 ISI Handbook. Please make sure you write these corrections in your new book so it will be up to date.

Page 182 – Event Chart

- a) Freestyle Duration column – Open Bronze / FS 4 / FS 5 / Open Silver should each be 2:00 (not 2:30)
- b) Artistic Duration column – Open Gold / FS 6-10 / Open Platinum should each be 2:00 (not 2:30)
- c) Spotlight Duration Column – Open Gold / FS 6-10 / Open Platinum should each be 2:00 (not 2:30)

Page 312 – Solo Compulsory criteria – Please add "General Overall"

