

2012 ISI TEST & COMPETITION RULE REVISIONS (Updated 9/12/11)

The following 2012 Synchronized Competition Revisions are mandatory for all competitions after September 1, 2011. Competition Directors should inform all participants and judges before their event.

1. Synchronized Competition Event Revisions & Clarifications:

- Synchronized Skating Teams in both the Teen **and Senior Youth age divisions** can now perform any spin(s).
- Synchronized Formation Teams **can perform 2-foot spins in any age division**.
- Synchronized team skaters are now limited to compete at **one age division lower than their true age division** (for example, a 12-year old Sr. Youth team skater can skate on a Youth team, but not on a Jr. Youth team). **Skaters can compete in any higher age division category***. All age divisions still require a **MAJORITY** of skaters – but not every skater – to fit within the age division for that team.
***Note – This is a revised change in wording from previous printed versions of these Rule Revisions.**

2. New Synchronized Events:

- **NEW! Synchronized Skating Open Competition Event:** This event for Sr. Youth, Teen, Collegiate and Adult age divisions only will consist of a 4:00 minute program with no required elements. The program restrictions for traditional skating team events must be followed. The judging criteria will be: Technical Merit, Correctness, Choreography & Pattern, Music Interpretation, Unison, Duration and General Overall.
- **NEW! Advanced Formation Synchronized Event:** This new team category for skaters who are continuing to master the basics of good synchronized skating such as straight lines, correct holds and unison. The program must include at least one of each of the following basic elements: Line, Circle, Block, Wheel and Intersection. Skaters are permitted to skate backwards on one foot but are limited to using only 3-turns and mohawks for turning and in footwork sequences.
- **NEW! Collegiate Age Group for All Synchronized Team Events:** The majority of skaters must be ages 18-25, and the team members must be affiliated with the college/university that they are representing.

The following 2012 Test & Competition Revisions are optional for ISI competitions from September 1, 2011 and mandatory for all events after January 1, 2012. Competition Directors must inform all participants and judges if they will follow these new revisions for competition events from September 1 – December 31, 2011.

3. Competition Event Revisions & Clarifications:

- **Open Freestyle events** – Skaters can now perform **any spin at any level**. The current jump limitations remain in effect for the Bronze, Silver & Gold levels. The Open Freestyle test maneuver choices remain the same.
- **Competition Dance events** – As long as the skater has passed the individual ISI dance test, **they can compete that dance in competition events** (i.e. Solo, Similar, Mixed or Pro Partner). The skater **is no longer required to complete all dances** in the higher dance test level to compete any dance(s) at that higher level.
- **Rhythmic Skating Ribbon & Hoop Prop Clarification** – The ribbon streamer must be **one single streamer** piece (not multiple streamers) according to the prop guidelines in the *ISI Handbook*. The hoop can have colored tape or fabric to match the skater's costume, but it **cannot have any other decoration** (i.e. fringe, etc.) on the prop.

If multiple ribbon streamers or fringe is used on the hoop, those programs should be entered into the Spotlight Light Entertainment category and not in the Rhythmic Skating events.

4. Judging Revisions & Clarifications:

- **Solo Compulsory events judging criteria** – The “*General Overall*” criteria will be added to the Judge 1 (Referee) sheet only. Any penalties such as the 2.0 score for attempting illegal maneuvers or taking two attempts at the required maneuvers will be assessed by Judge 1 (Referee).
- **Open Freestyle events judging criteria** – The current “*Correctness*” criteria on the Judge 1 (Referee) sheet will be changed to “*Correctness of Jumps*”. The new criteria for Judge 2 will be “*Correctness of Spins*”. The new criteria for Judge 3 will be “*Correctness of Turns and Edges*”. As a reminder, ***difficulty of maneuvers is not considered under any Correctness score*** – only the technical accuracy of the maneuvers performed will be comparatively judged.

5. Created Events & New Events:

- **Created Events for Local or District Competitions** (events not defined in the *ISI Handbook*) – Any created event requiring a technical (freestyle-type) program must be approved by the Test & Competition Standards Committee prior to being offered at any local or district competition. ***New created event submissions must be made by April 1st*** for consideration at the annual committee meeting in May.

Created events that do not require a technical program (i.e. longest spin, shoot-the-duck or spiral, etc.) must be submitted with the competition endorsement application for approval ***at least 90 days prior to the event date – and prior to any announcement or publication of the created event(s)***.

- ***NEW!*** **Theater Production Event:** This category is for your entire skating team. Skaters of all ages and advanced ability level can participate in this new theatrical team event. This is a creative, artistic program based on story or theme, using costumes, props and technical skating to enhance the performance quality. Program length is 6:30; however, there is no penalty for shorter program times.
- ***NEW!*** **Open Pair Tests & Events:** Please refer to the new *2012 ISI Handbook* for complete test requirements and descriptions.

Bronze Pair Test & Competition Event Requirements: Any two jumps, spins, and lifts from Pair 1-3 test levels; one arabesque or undercut spiral; a sequence of crossovers and/or cutbacks. Program length: 2 minutes.

Silver Pair Test & Competition Event Requirements: Any two jumps and spins, from Pair 4-5 test levels; one pair spiral; two lifts from Pair 5 or below; the dance step sequence from Pair 5 or a sequence of your own design. Program length: 3 minutes.

Gold Pair Test & Competition Event Requirements: Any two jumps and spins from Pair 5-6 test levels; one spiral or death spiral from any level; two lifts from Pair 6 or below; the dance step sequence from Pair 5 or 6 or a sequence of your own design. Program length: 3 minutes.

Platinum Pair Test & Competition Event Requirements: Any two jumps, jump combinations or throws; any two spins and two lifts from Pair 7-10 levels; a spiral sequence of the skaters own design; the dance step sequence from Pair 7-10 test levels or a sequence of your own design. Program length: 4:30 minutes.

- ***NEW!*** **Adult Champs Trophies:** Both the Erika Amundsen Trophy (awarded to the overall Adult Team Champions) ***and the new Collegiate Champion Trophy*** will be presented at the annual ISI Adult Championships event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND COMPLETE DETAILS ABOUT ANY RULE REVISION, PLEASE REFER TO THE NEW 2012 EDITION OF THE ISI HANDBOOK.