

2008 ISI Test and Competition Updates

These updates are optional beginning Sept. 1, 2007 and mandatory beginning Jan. 1, 2008.

Here is a summary of current rule changes, clarifications and other items of interest for 2008. Please print this page and keep it with your current *Skaters and Coaches Handbook*. These changes will be included in the 2008 edition.

The ISI testing program is 47 years old, and better than ever, thanks to you, the skaters and coaches who participate in our programs and events. As with anything that has some age, the ISI program is reviewed annually and updated by our committee to fit the ever-changing needs of the skater — just like your skate blade being sharpened!

1. All events offered at any local or national ISI competition will receive **team points** — including our newest national events, Ensemble and Rhythmic Skating. In the past, experimental events did not receive team points until the event became nationally standardized. See the current National Event List and National Event Descriptions at www.skateisi.org.
2. During **Production Team events**, skaters will *no longer* be required to exit the ice in 30 seconds. Competition directors may combine the warm-up and set-up times for production numbers as their schedule allows. The competition director can determine the length of the warm-up and exit times.
3. In the **Team Compulsory events**, skaters *will* be allowed to participate on two different teams, as long as they are not on two teams in the same freestyle level. Teams competing in FS 7 must have the skater perform the opposite jump in both directions. The arabesque requirement in FS 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Arabesque/Spread Eagle/Bauer combination in FS 9 only needs to be performed only once.
4. During **Spotlight events**, the competition director may waive the rule about “no assistance with props on and/or off the ice” for the safety of the skaters. Sometimes there are special situations or a particular difficulty in the rink access door, especially for younger skaters.
5. In the **Couple Spotlight events**, the following maneuver limitations apply:

Low	Pre-Alpha - Delta	Skaters can perform maneuvers from Freestyle 1 and below.
Medium	FS 1-4	Skaters can perform maneuvers from Freestyle 4 and below.
High	FS 5-10	Skaters may perform any maneuvers.

Partner note: If partners from two different category levels want to compete together, they must be prepared to follow the maneuver limitations of the higher category level.

6. The **Death Spiral** requirement in Pair 5, 7 and 8 will now require the spiraling partner’s head to be held at least as low as the pivoting partner’s knees.
7. For **Synchronized teams** that have skaters’ ages split evenly between age divisions, the team must compete in the higher age division.
8. For **Synchronized teams**, the Adult age division will be divided into:

Adult	Majority of skaters 20-39 years
Master	Majority of skaters 40+ years

Note: These age divisions may be combined at the discretion of the competition director when there are not enough teams to make this division possible.

9. For the annual **ISI Synchronized Skating Championships competition only**:
 - a) We will use 5 judges for all Final Round events.
 - b) The top half of each Initial Round event group will proceed to the Premier Round and the remaining teams will proceed to the Select Round.
 - c) If there are less than 8 teams in any one age group or category level, the Initial Round will not be held and there will be only one Final Round performance for that age group and/or category level.