

# **2014 ISI COMPETITION RULE REVISIONS**

*The following revisions are mandatory for all ISI events starting Sept. 1, 2014.*

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

## **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**

| <u>Event</u>                   | <u>Levels of Skaters</u> | <u>Maneuver Limitations</u> | <u>Duration</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 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            |
| <i>NEW</i> Open Gold Short     | FS 6-7                   | FS 7 and below              | 2:00            |
| Open Platinum                  | FS 8-10                  | any maneuvers               | 4:30            |
| <i>NEW</i> 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

| <u>Event</u>  | <u>Levels of Skaters</u> | <u>Maneuver Limitations</u> | <u>Duration</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 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

| <u>If a USFS skater has passed the Dance Test below</u> | <u>Skaters must test/compete in ISI no lower than</u> |
|---|---|
| Any dance of the Preliminary Dance Test                 | Bronze Open Solo Free Dance                           |
| Preliminary   | Bronze Open Solo Free Dance                           |
| Bronze  | Silver Open Solo Free Dance                           |
| Pre-Silver  | Gold Open Solo Free Dance                             |
| Silver Dance  | Platinum Open Solo Free Dance                         |
| Gold  | 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. Download the new dance step patterns from the ISI website.
  - 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.

| <u>ISI Event</u> | <u>Suggested Levels of ISI Skaters</u> | <u>Duration</u> |
|------------------|--|-----------------|
| 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. The new Dance Step patterns can be downloaded from the ISI website.
- 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.