

ART NEWS FLASH – 31 MARCH, 2023

World Skate Rule Update Reminders

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The Artistic Committee and the NZ Artistic Officials Convenors have been concerned with a trend over the past few years to misuse the time and energy of our voluntary officials.

In previous communications the committee has asked clubs and competition/medal test organisers to please be mindful of the hours that you are expecting officials to work and to ensure that judges have regular breaks throughout the day.

While some clubs and event organisers have taken steps to cater to the needs of our Officials, it has been brought to our attention that at recent events Officials have not only spent hours travelling to and from an event, but then worked for more than ten hours with only a single small break.

Our Officials all work on a voluntary basis and have contributed much of their personal time over many years to support our skaters and our sport both within this country and internationally. They do this with very little thanks. The very least that we can do as a Skating community is to show them respect and care by being mindful of the work that we ask them to do, make sure that they have regular breaks and are not expected to work an unreasonable amount of hours on top of travelling to and from an event.

If you anticipate having a large event then it is prudent to either schedule a multiple day competition and/or engage more officials to ensure that those officials are not overworked.

Our officials are a finite resource. If we don't have officials we do not have any competitions or medal tests. Please give them the same support that they have given to you.

World Skate Rule Updates 2023 – Reminders

The Committee would like to issue a general reminder to all coaches and skaters to **please remember to read the World Skate and NZ Domestic Rules each year**. Every year there are multiple updates to each discipline and if you do not stay abreast of changes you can risk losing points from a routine or having a deduction applied.

World Skate ATC and our NZ Officials have provided some feedback regarding issues that have cropped up at early competitions this year. The Committee would like to make some general reminders and technical clarifications.

Excerpts from the World Skate Regulations are in *italics*.

Choreographic Sequence

A Choreographic Sequence requires 2 features.

Basic Requirements

• *The skaters must demonstrate the ability to skate on the music and to interpret the music using technical elements such as: steps, turns, arabesque, pivot, ina bauer, spread eagles, (not declared) one rotation jumps (included in the permitted jumps), quick spins.*

So there are two parts to this feature – technical and musicality. Should there only be turns and steps presented and no musical interpretation, (for example), then the choreo sequence will not be confirmed.

• *The sequence must start from a stopped position or a stop and go and must cover at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the rink.*

If these two requirements are not fulfilled the technical panel will not confirm the element.

Content Sheets

No changes to content sheets are permitted in the 3 days prior to competition.

If you are in a Solo Dance grade that has the **Opera/Musical Medley** theme for Style Dance, Please add the name of the Opera or Musical along with name of track and artist on your Content Sheet

If content is out of order or a sequence does not start at the time indicated:

World Skate has introduced a new rule this year that elements must be listed in the correct skating order in content sheets. Technical Specialists have been instructed that if an element is out of order, the pre-called element will be called as 'no level' or 'not confirmed'. The next element will be called when the Technical Panel (TP) recognises it has begun. The TP have instruction NOT to go back and review when the TP have missed the beginning of the element due to an incorrect content sheet. This applies to Dance, Quartet and Precision and to Footwork and Choreo in free skating and pairs.

This will be a disadvantage to skaters if the elements in their content sheets are out of order. Reviewing programs with out-of-order elements (as per the content sheet) wastes a lot of time.

This also applies for Free Skating except that combo and solo jumps and spins can be out of order, as these are easier to identify and the TP will always call what they see. If the Footwork or Choreo is out of order, the skater risks receiving a 'no level'.

The reviews take too long and whilst reviews are being done to benefit the skater, **it is the coaches responsibility to ensure the content sheet is correct.**

Dance

Opera/Musical Medley Theme – If in doubt we recommend that the music selection is sent into Artistic Committee for checking to avoid issues at a competition. The music does not have to be exact song as used in the opera/musical.

Harris Tango - All parts of step #22 is required to be performed.

Style Dance Pattern Sequence –

- *Must begin with step one (1) of the dance pattern placed to the left of the judges (or as required annually by request of World Skate ATC) and finish with the first step of the following section or the next step of the dance required by the rules.*

it is a requirement to begin with Step 1 of the dance pattern and to the left of the and finish with the first step of the following section or the next step of the dance required. **There is a 1.0 penalty if this rule is not observed.**

Junior & Senior Free

Reminder that a one rotation jump at the beginning or end of a jump combination has no value.

Junior and Senior, one rotation jumps placed on the first or last position of the combination jump will be called, given NO VALUE and count toward the total number of jumps allowed.

Costuming

Costumes that can be offensive to other cultures is to be avoided.

Dressmakers logo & Federation logos are permitted on outfits and must be small

Men are permitted to wear makeup and gender-neutral outfits. This includes a skirt.

Please circulate this News Flash to all your club members.

Yours In Skating,

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