

# ART NEWS FLASH – 8 MARCH, 2024

## Info from NZ Seminar, and Oceania and International Teams Updates

### Clarifications from NZ Artistic Seminar 2024

**Dance Step Sequence** – The steps to be considered towards the level in the new Dance Step Sequence are listed in the rule book as: cross chassé, cross roll, change of edge, closed or open mohawk (no heel to heel), closed or open Choctaws

World Skate has further clarified that cross-in-front and cross-behind are also included in the steps towards the level.

When considering steps for the cluster feature in the Dance Step Sequence the cross chassé, Cross-in-front and cross-behind are considered the same type of step.

**Difficult Spin Variations in a freeskating program** – the OATC has clarified that you may use the same type of variation more than once. However, each time it is used, it must be on a different type of spin. For example you may do; sit sideways, torso sideways and camel sideways in the same program

### **Dance Music Selection -**

Rumba – Specified rhythm this dance is skated to, must be Rumba. The actual pattern dance does not specify what music it is, but at the start of the dance manual (2.4 pg. 15) it states *Rumba*. Therefor the music chosen needs to be Rumba for pattern dance and rhythm.

### Style Dance

For all style dances – the ENTIRE music needs to fit the category of the style dance and the rhythms that make up that entire piece of music need to fit the rhythms listed in the dance book for that category.

Eg. Spanish Medley – all of the rhythms selected within the piece of music need to match the rhythm specified under Spanish Medley.

Pattern dance is more specific and must be entirely correct as specified in the music listed for the pattern dance.

Due to the late nature of this advice there will be no penalties applied for incorrect music choice for **NZ Area Champs ONLY**. Skaters will be expected to have corrected their music choices for any competitions further in the future. Music that is still incorrect after Area Champs will risk having the penalty applied.

### Costume Checking Protocol

World Skate has developed a new protocol for checking that costumes worn at competitions meet the World Skate costume regulations. These protocols will be in effect at all NZ Area

Championships, Graeme Sheppard/Joan Alexander Challenge, NZ Championships, Pacific Cup and all World Skate competitions (International Series, Oceania Champs, World Champs etc.)

A copy of this protocol has been sent to clubs along with this newsflash.

### **NZ Pacific Cup Team Figure Selection**

As each skater has only one qualifying event in the selection process for the NZ Oceania/Pacific Cup team this year, the points matrix for figure events will not be used for selection. The Artistic Committee in conjunction with the NZ Academy of Officials has instituted an alternative, equitable process for selection.

### **Oceania/Pacific Cup Training Camp**

The 2024 Oceania/Pacific Cup Team training camp has been arranged for Kings Birthday Weekend in New Plymouth. If you are vying for selection to this team please mark this on your calendar.

### **NZ International Teams Levy – 2024**

The NZ Teams Contribution Levy for 2024 will be set at \$400 per skater, manager and coach.

**This Levy is due immediately upon selection to any NZ International Team or upon notification of selection as Team Manager, Assistant Manager, Team Coach or Assistant Coach.**

As the projected costs for Oceania team management in 2024 are low this year the Committee have decided to waive the NZ Teams Contribution Levy for NZ Oceania Team Managers and Coaches. This is for 2024 only and will be re-evaluated each year. NZ Oceania/Pacific Cup team skaters are still required to pay the levy immediately upon selection.

Please circulate this News Flash to all your club members.

Yours In Skating,

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