



SYNCHRONIZED SKATING Q&A #3

GENERAL

Question #1

In Q&A #2, Question #1 Entry Variation (EV) for the Pair Element asks; Is there a correct position or timing requirement for the listed fes for an Entry Variation? **Answer:** There is no time or correct position requirement(s) for any of the listed movements, however the movement must be visibly held. Would this logic be applied to all Elements with Features requiring an fm or fe?

Answer

Yes. All listed movements plus any fms and relevant fes such as pair or Group lifts, must be visibly held in a fixed position in any Feature requiring such movements.

Applies to all Elements that require a Feature using one or more fm(s) or fe(s)

INTERSECTION – ENTRY VARIATION

Question #1

Communication 2369 states;

GENERAL To Both the Simple and Complex Pattern

- *The ending of the EV must be linked to the start of the pi rotation in a continuous manner and without interruption (Exception: Whip Intersection)*
- *Taking unnecessary foot placements or pausing in-between the EV to take the hold is not permitted*

Does pausing apply only to the Skaters executing the SM?

Answer

Pausing means that Skaters are only gliding with two-foot skating

Pausing and/or taking unnecessary steps after the EV ends and before the pi rotation starts applies to ALL Skaters and not only those executing the SM

MOVE ELEMENT – Well Balanced Program (WBP) requirements

Question #1

In the WBP Communication, it is stated for Short Program that if using a Group D Feature, the Block Feature is required. What should the call be if a Team also includes Intersecting/Passing through from Group D?

Answer

For any ME level; IF only Intersecting/Passing is included from Group D; ME is called as No Value If the Block Feature is attempted then the Team meets the criteria for the WBP without penalty.

If both Features are used (B/I-PT) and correctly executed, then the Feature from Group D is counted.

For ME1 - only one Feature is required therefore it must be the required Block

For ME2 - may include both Features from Group D therefore both the (B/I-PT) are counted

For ME3 & ME4 – only the required Block Feature will be counted. The B/I-PT may be present but not counted

PAIR ELEMENT – Entry Variation (EV)

Question #1

The Special Regulations states that the Pair Element begins once the pairs are formed and ends once the pairs break apart. Does an EV signal the start of the Pair Element even if the Team does not begin the Element using pairs for their EV? Does the Pa end IF the pairs/groups break apart before rejoining a partner? For example; pairs could break apart to change partners or to execute a throw jump for the EV

Answer

To be consistent with all Elements it is logical that the Pair Element begins once the pairs are formed **or during a Feature.** If the Team uses an EV then the Pair Element will begin when the Skaters come together for the SM. The Element will not be considered as ended if the pairs break apart during an SM before rejoining a partner (same or different) to continue the Pair Element.

PANEL of JUDGES

Communication 2632

GOE Element Criteria

Lift (Creative, Group, Pair)

-3 to -4 Position not attempted or achieved by one / by two or more lifted skater(s)

This is the most serious penalty for a GL, an error

If the Team chooses the Feature Change of Position, so that both positions must be assessed equally, the lifted Skater(s) must attempt to reach both positions. If the first or second position is not reached, the deduction must be applied

It may happen that the first position collapses (reduction -2) and the second position is never reached (reduction -3). Both reductions must be applied. The Team will still get a certain level for the GL from the Technical Panel and some points