

US Figure Skating Technical Panel 2010 Regional Conference Call Notes

Technical Panel leaders (AKA Captains)

TP Captains/leaders are the **spokesperson for the technical panel**. They are the person who deals with any conflicts of interest issues, protests, and attends PSA/coaches meetings. They are responsible for working with the chief referee on assignments and also file the technical panel report after the competition. The technical panel leader should have a meeting with all technical panel officials, referees, accountants, and system specialists if time allows prior to the start of the competition.

Post event protocol & protests

Post event protocol procedures and protest forms are available in the accounting room. These forms are also available online at usfigureskating.org

All questions and protests are handled by the chief referee, event Technical Controller, and Technical Panel Captain. Below is a list of assigned referee's and technical panel captains for each regional competition

| <u>COMPETITION</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>REFEREE</u> | <u>TECHNICAL PANEL LEADER</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| South Atlantics | Oct 9-13,2009 | Debbie Weidman | Karen Terry Perrault |
| South Westerns | Oct 9-13,2009 | Nancy Iida | Kathleen Krieger |
| Northwest Pacific | Oct 8-12, 2009 | Caren Kirsch | Sharon Watson |
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| North Atlantics | Oct 16-20, 2009 | Aristo Brito | Sara Kastner |
| Eastern Great Lakes | Oct 16-20, 2009 | Roger Glenn | Tamie Campbell |
| Central Pacific | Oct 16-20, 2009 | Phillip Deaver | Rick Perez |
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| New Englands | Oct 22-26, 2009 | Gerald Miele | Kathleen Cutone |
| Upper Great Lakes | Oct 23-27, 2009 | Nancy Bizzano | Todd Bromley |
| Southwest Pacific | Oct 23-27, 2009 | Linda Chihara | Dawn Eyerly |

Rule Vetting

- *General Reminders for rule vetting-*
 - all spins must have different codes in the FS.
 - Intermediate FS must have a CCoSp in the FS, all other levels the change of foot in the combo spin is optional.
 - repeated jumps in juvenile, intermediate and novice free skating. Double check number of combos & sequences allowed. Make sure + seq. or + combo is added in the appropriate places.

For specific elements in SP or FS see Issues- Resolutions Chat, Basic Position Requirements, and the level 1 no level document.

Necessary Documents for Technical Panels

- *2009 US Figure Skating Rulebook
- *ISU Technical Panel Handbook
- * Relevant ISU Communications (#1557)
- *USAID for Singles

| ISSUE- Steps/spirals | RESOLUTION |
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| Step Sequence- Upper body movement | Upper body movement cannot be done while standing still, or gliding simply on two feet. Movements must be done while doing steps, turns, and/or freestyle movements such as spread eagle, Ina Bauer, etc. |
| Step Sequence- Twizzle and Double Three-Turn difference | When a twizzle attempt is clearly double three-turns and not a twizzle, a twizzle is not awarded. Before awarding a three-turn, take into consideration whether or not the entry and exit edges of the three-turns executed are clearly defined. |
| Step Sequence- Identifiable jump in the Step Sequence | If a clearly identifiable jump with more than half a revolution is executed in the step sequence (a jump with value), this needs to be called in the Free Skate. Ignore in the Short Program. |
| Step Sequence-Turn quality | Watch for turn quality in each attempted turn. If a rocker or counter is not achieved due to exiting or entering on the wrong edge, this does not automatically award a three-turn. A three-turn is only awarded when the entry and exit edges executed are clearly defined. |
| Spiral Sequence- Only 2 spirals on the same foot for 3 seconds in the Free Skating | Spirals on each foot are mandatory for Levels 3-4. No change of foot is required for Free Skating, thus a Level 1 or 2 may be reached. |
| Spiral Sequence –Repetition of 6 second spiral | A 6 second spiral will be awarded only once as a level feature in the SpSq. Note: Each feature can only be achieved one time unless otherwise noted |
| Spiral Sequence- significantly different variation | Use the location of the free leg as a guideline. If the first one is in the back, the second one needs to be to the side or to the front. |
| Spiral Sequence change of edge- | If there is use of <u>any</u> movement of <u>any</u> part of the body to assist the change of edge, the level feature for such a change is not awarded |
| Spiral Sequence- Only 2 long enough spirals in the Short Program (Novice) | If there are two long enough positions, the Sequence will be able to get to any level if the two long enough positions are on different feet and will have No Level if they are on the same foot. Note: An unsupported spiral is required to receive above a Level 1. Spirals on each foot, forward & backward, inside & outside are mandatory for Levels 3-4. |
| Spiral Sequence- Only 2 long enough spirals in the Short Program (Junior and Senior) | If there are two long enough positions and the 3 rd position is <u>too short or does not exist at all</u> , the Sequence will have Level 1 if the two long enough positions are on different feet and will have No Level if they are on the same foot |

| ISSUE- Spins | RESOLUTION |
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| Basic sit spin position | The upper part of the skating leg needs to be <u>at least</u> parallel to the ice, or the basic position is not awarded |
| Change of edge in sit spin | A skater must stay in the sit position during the change without rising up out of the basic position in order to achieve the change of edge feature Note: This is a 4 continuous revolution feature. |
| Combination spin with change of foot Basic position requirements for a CCoSp | A combination spin with a change of foot must have 1 basic position for 2 continuous revolutions in the basic position to reach a Level 1. The basic position can be achieved on either foot and is not required on both feet to receive a level. |
| Back to side feature in layback | Shoulders need to be horizontal (i.e. shoulders parallel to ice) in order to achieve the “back” portion of the “backwards-sideways feature” |
| Illusions as a Difficult Variation of an upright | 3 illusions in a row is considered a Difficult Variation of an Upright. |
| Difficult change of foot in spin | For a difficult change of foot, the skater may go directly into a camel, sit, or upright position. The difficult change of foot feature is awarded and is awarded to side two. |
| Flying Spin in the SHORT PROGRAM (Including Intermediate Short Program) | Skater must fulfill fly criteria if a fly is attempted in the Short Program. If the fly criteria is not met, the spin cannot be higher than Level 1 |

| ISSUE- Jumps | RESOLUTION |
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| SHORT PROGRAM- AXEL & SOLO JUMP Skater gets “air” and thus adds an inadvertent <u>UNRECOGNIZABLE</u> jump to Axel, or Solo Jump There is a clear lack of control by the skater. | Executed jump will be called because this is viewed as a mistake in the execution of the jump |
| SHORT PROGRAM-COMBINATION JUMP Skater gets “air” and thus adds an inadvertent <u>UNRECOGNIZABLE</u> jump in the middle or at the end of the combination jump. There is a clear lack of control by the skater. | 1 st Jump + COMBO because this is viewed as a mistake in the execution of the combination jump |
| SHORT PROGRAM-COMBINATION JUMP Skater gets “air” and thus adds a <u>CLEAR RECOGNIZABLE</u> jump in the middle or at the end of the combination jump. | All three jumps will be called and the entire combination will be asterisked and will block the “combination box” |
| FREE SKATING- ALL JUMPS Skater gets “air” and thus adds an inadvertent loop type jump due to a poor landing. . | If there is “air”, call “single Loop jump”, wherever it is with respect to the jump, jump combination, or jump sequence. Note: If “air” does not have sufficient rotation, the call is “Loop Jump No Value” as part of the jump element. |

Singles - CCoSp Basic Position Requirements

Junior and Senior Level

Short Program:

1. If **no basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - No Value
2. If **1 or 2 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each basic position** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 1
3. If **all 3 required basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each basic position** in the CCoSp - Any Level

Free Skate:

1. If **no basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - No Value
2. If **1 basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 1
3. If **2 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each of these 2 basic positions** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 3
4. If **all 3 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each of these 3 basic positions** in the CCoSp - Any Level

Intermediate and Novice Level

Short Program:

1. If **no basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - No Value
2. If **1 basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 1
3. If **2 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each basic position** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 3
4. If **all 3 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each basic position** in the CCoSp - Any Level

Free Skate:

1. If **no basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - No Value
2. If **1 basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 1
3. If **2 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each of these 2 basic positions** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 3
4. If **all 3 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each of these 3 basic positions** in the CCoSp - Any Level

Juvenile Level

Free Skate:

1. If **no basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - No Value
2. If **1 basic position** for **2 revolutions in the basic position** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 1
3. If **2 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each of these 2 basic positions** in the CCoSp - Not higher than Level 3
4. If **all 3 basic positions** for **2 revolutions in each of these 3 basic positions** in the CCoSp - Any Level

Elements with no Level or only Level 1 in SP & FS for Men, Ladies and Pairs
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| Element | Problem | Category | SP/FS |
|----------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
| No Level | | | |
| All elements with Levels | Wrong element | Men, Ladies, Pairs | SP |
| Spin | Does not have at least 2 continuous revolutions in a basic position. | Men, Ladies, Pairs | SP, FS |
| Spin in one position | Change of foot: less than 3 rev. before or after the change or spinning centers too far apart. | Men | SP |
| Spin in one position | 2 rev. on one foot in basic position, but <u>less</u> than 2 rev. in basic position on the other foot | Men | SP |
| Spin combination | Change of foot: less than 3 rev. before or after the change or spinning centers too far apart. | Men, Ladies, Pairs (Solo & Pair) | SP |
| Spin | Second change of foot | Men, Ladies, Pairs (Solo & Pair) | SP |
| Pair spin combination | No change of foot by both and/or no change of position by both. | Pairs | SP |
| Pair spin combination | No change of foot by one or no change of position by one. | Pairs | SP |
| Spiral sequence | No change of foot or no spiral position before or after the change at least 3 sec. long. | Ladies | SP |
| Spiral sequence | Only one position (3 sec. long) or no long enough spiral positions at all. | Ladies | SP, FS |
| Spiral sequence | Only 1 position (3 sec. long) of both or 1 position of one (3 sec. long) and no long enough positions by another or no long enough positions at all. | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Step sequence | Less than 50% of the pattern performed. | Men, Ladies, Pairs | SP, FS |
| Lifts | Illegal (in particular hold or more than 3 ½ rev. of the Man) | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Lifts | Less than the min. number of revolutions (Man – 1, Lady – 2) | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Lifts | Wrong take-off. | Pairs | SP |
| Death spiral | Man does not stay in pivot position for 1 rev. or both his knees are not clearly bent for 1 rev. | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Level 1 (no higher) | | | |
| Spin combination | Only 1 position with not less than 2 rev. and in all other positions less than 2 rev. | Men, Ladies, Pairs | SP, FS |
| Spin combination | Less than the required 3 basic positions (upright, sit, camel) with not less than 2 rev. | Men, Ladies | SP |
| Flying spin | Step over. | Men, Ladies | SP |
| Spiral sequence | No unsupported position(s) 3 sec. long. | Ladies, Pairs | SP, FS |
| Spiral sequence | No change of foot by both or no spiral position by both before or after the change at least 3 sec. long. | Pairs | SP |
| Spiral Sequence | One has 2 positions (3 sec. long) and the other attains only 1 position (3 sec. long). | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Step sequence | No simple variety in steps and turns throughout the sequence. | Men, Ladies, Pairs | SP, FS |
| Step sequence | No balance of steps and turns in their distribution through the sequence. | Men, Ladies, Pairs | SP, FS |
| Step sequence | The workload between partners is not even. | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Lifts | The arms of the Man not fully extended. | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Death spiral | Lady's head and/or lowest hip is (are) higher then her skating leg knee. | Pairs | SP, FS |
| Death spiral | Man does not have 1 full rev. in low pivot position (buttocks not higher then the knee of the pivot foot). | Pairs | SP, FS |