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Council members, Coaches, Judges, Provincial Committee Members, Athletes

By e-mail:

Dear All,

## **NTC Official Announcement 2012/02**

Please note the following clarifications for the current skating season 2012/2013. Whilst we are still awaiting the ISU program to be able to apply the rule of allowing a base level elements (eg sit spin base), we will have to call the old levels ie level 1-4. We are hoping to get the ISU program before the end of July. All inter-provincials will have the base level calling applied via the technical panel.

Based on the decisions made at the 2012 congress, the requirements for the ISU sections have changed slightly .

As per the SAFSA rule book,for Novice, Junior and Senior Sections:

7.5 The required elements for the:

7.5.1 Senior, Junior and Novice sections shall be those specified by the ISU regulation(s) or communication(s) and these regulations [unless otherwise specified by an NTC communication\(s\)](#);

This would mean that the elements as per the ISU for the season 2012/2013 are adopted by the NTC.

The only change for Junior (Men and ladies) and Senior (Men and ladies) Sections is as per ISU communication 1741 as summarized below:

*“Choreographic Sequence will replace the former Choreographic Step Sequence (Senior Men) and Choreographic Spiral Sequences (Senior Ladies and Senior & Junior Pairs) in Free Skating: A Choreographic Sequence consist of any kind of movements like steps, turns, spirals, arabesques, spread eagles, Ina Bauers, hydroblading, transitional (unlisted) jumps, spinning movements etc. A Choreographic Sequence for Ladies must include at least one spiral (not a kick) of any length. A Choreographic Sequence for Pairs must*

*include at least one spiral (not a kick) of any length by each partner. The Sequence commences with the first move and is concluded with the last move of the skater. The pattern is not restricted, but the Sequence must fully utilize the ice surface. If this requirement is not fulfilled, the Sequence will have no value. The Choreographic Sequence has to be performed later than the step sequence. The Choreographic Sequence has a base value and will be evaluated by the judges in GOE only.”*

Another clarification for Junior and senior sections is that “*Step sequences no longer have a required pattern. However step sequences must fully utilize the ice surface.*”

A reminder for the Junior men and ladies is that the current season is Group B as per the SAFSA rule book and the ISU.

8.3.2.3 Group B (1 July 2012 – 30 June 2013).

This would mean that as per the SAFSA rule book, the solo jump is the Flip preceded by steps in the SP. The flying spin is the Flying Camel in the short program.

As per the SAFSA rule book, the following requirements for the short program come into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 for the pre novice sections. This is for all inter-provincial and club competitions (including provincial championships and Prima Vera).

**Pre Novice Boys Short program:**

8.7.1.2 Group A (1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011)

- a) One (1) single Axel Paulsen Solo Jump;
- b) One (1) double Salchow Solo jump immediately preceded by connecting steps;
- c) One (1) Jump Combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump;
- d) One (1) Camel spin;
- e) One (1) Spin Combination with only one change of foot and at least two different positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof); and
- f) One (1) Choreo Step Sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine).

**Pre Novice Girls Short program:**

8.8.1.1 Group A (1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011)

- a) One (1) single Axel Paulsen Solo Jump;
- b) One (1) double Salchow Solo jump immediately preceded by connecting steps;
- c) One (1) Jump Combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump;
- d) One (1) Camel spin;
- e) One (1) Spin Combination with only one change of foot and at least two different positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof); and
- f) One (1) Choreo Step Sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine).

The Free skating requirements for pre-novice and Juvenile remain as per the current SAFSA requirements.

**Kind Regards**

**National Technical Committee**