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## 2016/2017 Records of Clarifications from ISU Sports Directorate and SyS TC

### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

### Group Lifts

#### Questions:

1. In Communication 2012 page 5 the following is written:

*Feature #7, 8 & 9 cannot be repeated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> required GL*

What if in the 1<sup>st</sup> GL there are five different Features included and one of those Features (#7, 8 or 9) is then repeated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> GL, which with that Feature includes four different Features?

2. What happens to the call of the GL element if a team is attempting GL level 4 and one Feature does not meet the requirements for the Feature?

3. If there are some remaining skaters not participating in any lifts, they must be executing a free skating element. Do all the remaining skaters have to execute the SAME free skating element?

4. Are there any benefits for attempting a level 4 lift if the skaters don't have the capacity to execute it correctly?

#### Answers:

1. It acceptable to use a Feature (*including #7, 8 & 9*) in both GL Elements. The Feature will only be used one time to count for a level. For example; it is OK to use a Feature in the 1<sup>st</sup> GL and not count it towards the level in that lift and then repeat the same Feature in the 2<sup>nd</sup> GL and count it there for the level. The technical panel should make the decision in favor of the team.

2. If the Team is attempting GL4 (with four (4) required Features) and one Feature is not executed correctly, then that Feature is not counted. The GL will be called as GL2 since there are only three (3) Features remaining and GL3 require four (4) Features.

Team must fulfill the required number of Features for a level and only correctly executed Features and Group Lifts (gliding at all times) will be counted towards the level.

3. No, the remaining skaters in a GL may execute different free skating elements as stated in the Special Regulations and Technical Rules page 86:

*The free skating element(s), executed by the remaining Skaters, not participating in the lift, may be the same or different and executed at approximately the same time as the lift.*

4. It is not advisable for a team to attempt a lift they are not capable of doing well or safely. The technical panel only counts the correctly executed Features and lifts (gliding at all times during the lift) towards the level, so if a team is not able to glide at all times GLB will automatically be called. Judges evaluate the quality of what is performed and do not give credit for what is attempted. Therefore if the lift also has bad quality, the GOE will be in the minuses and the element won't receive many points.

Coaches must give consideration for the safety of their Skaters when planning and choosing the level of the lifts. The ISU and SyS-TC does not encourage teams to perform lifts they are not physically able to perform securely. Judges do not enjoy evaluating lifts when there is concern for the safety of the skaters.