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

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Move Element

Questions:

1. For the 135° Spiral with one change of edge, it says in Communication 2012 that the 135° must be held for at least 2 seconds on one of the edges. Do all skaters performing the fm have to meet the 135° requirements at the same time?
2. Are teams permitted to use a spiral with two changes of edge?
3. If a team is including four Biellmann Spirals, four Spiral 170°, and eight skaters doing the Spiral with one change of edge and less than four of the Skaters get above 135°, from what level do the technical panel start evaluating before any possible downgrading for position, time or edge?
4. Could you please clarify when the Skaters performing the fm's must be within approximately ½ of the ice surface? Is it referring to only the same fm, the entire element or how does it work?
5. What if the time of a first fm has been extended beyond the required time and all Features etc. have been completed. Does this first fm have to remain within ½ of the ice of a second fm?

Answers:

1. Yes, to have the 135° Spiral with one change of edge counted, all skaters must be in the correct position for at least 2 seconds at the same time.
2. Yes, teams are permitted to use a spiral with two changes of edge but any errors made on any edge will reduce the level of the fm. The tech panel will stop evaluating the spiral with two changes of edge on the last edge.
3. A Spiral with one change of edge is listed in Communication 2012 as an fm2, so if four Skaters or more never get the free leg above 135° the starting level will be fm2 before any possible downgrading since if including fm's from different levels, the lowest level will be counted.

Note: if there are less than four skaters who get above the 135°, there will be no additional lowering of the level having less than 4 skaters attempting an fm, since it will be considered fm2 (Spiral with one change of edge) with a better quality of those skaters above 135°.

4. While executing the same or different fm(s) at the same time, those fm's must be within approximately ½ of the ice surface of each other. The start and end time of an fm is irrelevant and what matters is any fm being performed at the same time, i.e. fm's that have their starting and ending times overlap during the execution must be within approximately ½ of the ice of each other.

Example of **NOT ACCEPTED** according to the ½ ice requirements:

Team starts with 8 Skaters performing one fm in a circle at one end of the ice and are keeping themselves within ½ of the ice compared to each other throughout the execution of the fm. While those first 8 Skaters are still in position of their fm, a second fm starts with the rest of the team at the opposite end of the ice, themselves keeping within ½ of the ice but together with the first 8 Skaters they are performing fm's **AT THE SAME TIME** using more than ½ of the ice. This is an example of not keeping the fm's executed at the same time within ½ of the ice and the Features and fm's will therefore not be counted and MEB + fmB will be called.

Example of **ACCEPTED** according to the ½ ice requirements:

Team starts with 8 Skaters performing one fm in a circle keeping within ½ of the ice compared to each other throughout the execution of the fm. After they have completed their fm, a second fm starts with the rest of the team at the opposite end of the ice, themselves keeping within ½ of the ice but are further away than ½ of the ice compared to the Skaters who are already completed their fm. This is OK and level will be given according to what is executed. Even if the Skaters are using the entire ice surface, while executing the fm's, those Skaters who are executing fm's stay within ½ of the ice, there were no overlap between these fm's and therefore they can use the entire ice.

5. Once the requirements for a fm level is fulfilled (time, position, edge and any possible Features for the ME level), the technical panel will stop evaluating the fm. However, if there is a spiral with two changes of edges and Features (change of places) or position (135 degree) is included during the last edge then the entire fm will be evaluated and needs to meet the requirement of staying within the ½ ice etc.