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U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and All Adult Pattern Dance and Free Dance Events 2022-23

Description	Penalty	Who is responsible
Program time violation – pattern dance – as per Rule 8032 and the Timing Chart for Skater’s Choice Pattern Dance Music	-0.5 for every 5 sec. in excess of permitted time after the last prescribed step in the pattern dance to the ending	Referee
Program time violation – free dance – as per Rule 8040 and Rules 8430-8512	-0.5 for every 5 sec. lacking or in excess	Referee
Illegal Elements / Movements – as per Rule 8098 The following movements and/or poses are illegal in Rhythm Dance, Free Dance and in the Pattern Dances including the introductory and concluding steps (unless otherwise stated in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook): a. Sitting on the partner’s head; b. Standing on partner’s shoulder; c. Lifted partner in an upside down split pose (with sustained angle between thighs more than 45 degrees) d. Lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around by holding the skate(s)/boot(s) or leg(s) only with fully extended arm(s); e. Lifting partner swinging the lifted partner around without the assistance of hand(s)/arm(s) and the lifted partner holding only with the feet around the lifting partner’s neck; f. Point of contact of the lifting hand(s)/arm(s) of the lifting partner with any part of the body of the lifted partner is sustained with fully extended arm(s) higher than the lifting partner’s head (the supporting arm may be sustained and fully extended above the head); g. Jumps of more than one (1) revolution except jump entry and/or jump exit h. Lying on the ice. A brief movement through poses a to f will be permitted if it is not established and sustained or if it is used only to change pose.	-1.0 per violation	Technical Panel Technical specialist identifies. Technical controller authorizes or corrects and deducts. However, if both technical specialists disagree with a correction requested by the technical controller, the initial decision of the technical specialist and assistant technical specialist stands. If there is an illegal movement during the execution of any element, the deduction for an illegal movement will apply, and the element will receive Basic Level if the requirements for at least Basic Level are fulfilled. Otherwise, the element will be called No Level if the requirements of Basic Level are not fulfilled.
Costume / prop violations – as per Rule 8021 Note: prop violation includes using part of the costume as a support in a dance lift. In this case, deduction by referee + judges applies, and technical panel gives the level of the dance lift according to the calling specifications.	-0.5 per program	Referee + Judges The deduction is applied according to the opinion of the majority of the panel which includes all the judges and the referee. No deduction in case of a 50:50 split vote. The judges and referee will press a button on their screen to apply deduction.
Part of the costume / decoration falls on the ice – as per Rule 8021 (G)	-0.5 per program	Referee
Fall -- per fall by one partner -- per fall by both partners <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kneeling or sliding on two knees or sitting on the ice is not allowed and it will be considered by the technical panel as a fall (Rule 1400) unless otherwise specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.• A fall is defined as loss of control by a skater with the result that the majority of his/her own body weight is on the ice supported by any other part of the body other than the blades e.g. hand(s), knee(s), buttock(s), or any part of the arm (Rule 1400).	-0.5 -1.0	Technical Panel Technical specialist identifies. Technical controller authorizes or corrects and deducts. However, if both technical specialists disagree with a correction requested by the technical controller, the initial decision of the technical specialist and assistant technical specialist stands.
Late start – as per Rule 1322 – for start between 1 and 30 seconds late	-0.5	Referee

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<p>Interruption in performing the program – for every interruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more than 10 sec. and up to 20 sec. interruption - more than 20 sec. and up to 30 sec. interruption - more than 30 sec. and up to 40 sec. interruption <p>An interruption is defined as the time elapsed between the moment a skater stops performing the program until the moment he resumes performing the program (Rule 1403)</p>	<p>-0.5 per interruption -1.0 per interruption -1.5 per interruption</p>	<p>Referee If the adverse condition can be remedied without delay, the couple does not need to report to the referee, and the music continues to play. If the couple resumes skating within 40 seconds, the referee will apply the appropriate deduction.</p>
<p>Interruption with allowance of up to 3 minutes to resume from point of interruption – once per program (Rule 1403)</p>	<p>-1.5 per program</p>	<p>Referee If the couple does not resume skating within 40 seconds, the referee shall instruct the music to be stopped and allow the couple three additional minutes. If the couple resumes skating within this additional period, the referee shall apply this deduction, which also covers an interruption of up to 40 seconds immediately preceding the allowance of three additional minutes. If one partner does not report to the referee within 40 seconds after the interruption started, or if the couple does not resume the program within the additional 3 minutes allowance, the couple is withdrawn.</p>
<p>Extra Element Extra Element – for each lift or spin within a step sequence (including ChSt when not permitted) (e.g. RoLi+ExEl, Sp+ExEl) Additional Element – by computer verification, for elements not according to requirements not according to the well-balanced free dance program (e.g. CuLi*)</p>	<p>-0.5 per element Element receives no value</p>	<p>Computer applies deduction Technical controller authorizes or corrects the call and confirms the deduction applied.</p>
<p>Violation of choreographic restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Dance: as per Rule 8095 (H) separations, (J) stops and (L) touching the ice with hands, unless otherwise specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook 	<p>-0.5 per program</p>	<p>Referee + Judges The deduction is applied according to the opinion of the majority of the panel which includes all the judges and the referee. No deduction in case of a 50:50 split vote. The judges and referee will press a button on their screen to apply deduction.</p>
<p>Lifts exceeding permitted duration – per lift exceeding 7 sec (short lift), 10 sec (choreo. lift) or 12 sec (combo. Lift)</p>	<p>-0.5 per lift</p>	<p>Referee</p>
<p>Music requirements – according to Rules 8031 and 8032: (Rhythms): the music must be chosen in accordance with the rhythm of the Pattern Dance.</p>	<p>-1.0 per program</p>	<p>Referee + Judges The deduction is applied according to the opinion of the majority of the panel which includes all the judges and the referee. No deduction in case of a 50:50 split vote. The judges and referee will press a button on their screen to apply deduction.</p>
<p>Tempo specifications – according to Rule 8031 Tempo: the tempo throughout the required sequences must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the pattern dance, plus or minus 2 beats per minute.</p>	<p>-0.5 per program</p>	<p>Referee</p>

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<	= reduce by 1 level, interruption of 4 beats or less in PD.	If the pattern dance is interrupted 4 beats or less – the key points are called as identified, and the level will be reduced by 1. It is reported on the Judges Details per Skater chart as: "<" to indicate an interruption of 4 beats or less. Example: Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes –Level 4 becomes Level 3.
<<	= reduce by 2 levels, interruption of more than 4 beats in PD	If the Pattern Dance Element is interrupted more than 4 beats, the key points are called as identified, and the level will be reduced by 2. It is reported on the Judges Details per Skater chart as: "<<" to indicate an interruption of more than 4 beats. Example: Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes – Level 4 becomes Level 2.
!	= NO level, interruption of more than 50% of the PDE	If a couple completes less than 75% of the pattern dance element, the technical specialist calls the key points as performed (Yes, No, Yes, Timing), identifies with the pattern dance element name and "no level" adding "attention".
>	= -0.5 point deduction for extended dance lift	If the duration of the dance lift is longer than permitted time, the referee applies the deduction of -0.5 point – the duration of the lift is confirmed by the referee electronically
ExEl	= -0.5 point deduction for "extra element"	If a lift(s) or spin(s) occurs within a step sequence (<u>including ChSt when not permitted</u>) (e.g. RoLi+ExEl, Sp+ExEl) a deduction of -0.5 will apply.
*	= -0.5 point deduction for "additional element" not according to requirements	If an additional element(s) occurs which is not according to the well-balanced free dance program, a deduction of -0.5 will apply.
F	= Fall in element, -0.5 per fall per partner	If there is a fall(s) within an element, this is identified by the technical specialist as a fall in element, and the data operator pushes the respective button "Fall in Element".
S	= reduced by 1 level, if in hold/contact/touch during the SqTw	If partners are in Hold/contact/touch during the sequential twizzles (FD) the level shall be reduced by 1 Level (per each partner) for sequential twizzles