

## **Summary of changes for Figure Skating**

Singles - Skaters will compete in freeskate only.

Rationale – For the most part, SOC will now parallel with Skate Canada and the Canskate & Starskate Programs

**Levels 1 & 2** – are under the Canskate system. Skate Canada no longer allows solos at this level but they have worked with SOC to keep this intact for our skaters. Elements are from the Canskate badge Program.

**Level 3** – Elements for the solo program have been chosen directly from the **Star 1 category**. Skate Canada does not allow solos at this level however they recognize that this is in the best interest for our skaters.

### **Levels 4, 5 & 6**

The requirements are exactly the same as Skate Canada – taken from **Star 2, Star 3/4 and Star 5**

### **Open**

The requirements for this event are taken from the **Starskate Junior Silver event**.

Rational - We needed to add this event to meet the needs of our skaters. The “new” level 6 restricts the number of double jumps allowed in a program. (at the last National FS conference – we also recognized that there was a need to split our top level. It is unfair for our skaters who are just learning doubles to go against skaters who have accomplished all of them. There was too much of a gap)

### **Scoring –**

Skate Canada is no longer using the 6.0 system for a variety of reasons. It is outdated...the software is no longer available to the

data specialists. There are a limited number of judges who can evaluate under the old system.

Coaches have been asking us to be exactly like Skate Canada and their system – this allows for easy transition for our skaters to try tests and to compete at generic competitions.

This new scoring system will also give the skaters more feedback. We have worked with Skate Canada to use a combined system of scoring that they use at the Star 4 level – this allows of our levels to be ranked ( Some Skate Canada levels - skaters just compete against themselves and just receive a report card and not a placement)

Each skater will receive a report card, letting them know how they performed.

For example

Waltz/toe loop	Gold
Salchow	Bronze
Upright forward spin	Gold
Upright Backward	Merit
Spiral Sequence	Silver

This has been very effective giving our skaters a chance to see how they did on that given day.

### **Scoring - For Level 6 & Open**

The marking system at this level is called CPC. Skaters are ranked and also receive a report card. This will show them if they received points or if deductions were taken for elements etc

Under the new rules – each level basically stays the same with some minor changes.

### **Just a quick overview**

Level 1 – same jumps, same spins

Level 2 - same jumps and same spins

Level 3 – a change of spin (easier - sit spin has been taken out )

Level 4 – there is an added jump choice (but it is optional)

Level 5 – spin changes, (no flying spin allowed- which coaches were asking for ) a reduction in number of jumps – no jump sequence allowed

Level 6 – spin changes, reduction of jumps allowed from 6 to 5 – limit to how many doubles

Open - new

**Music** – Skate Canada has changed their solo times - in the package however we have allowed the old time or given them the choice of switching to the new time – with no penalty to the skater.

After Nationals – the music time will coincide with Skate Canada. However, for this season only skaters can keep the solo that they qualified with if they choose to do so. (This will also be less stressful for our coaches.

**Planned Program Sheets** – coaches would be required to hand in the program outline so that judges will be able to easily identify elements in the program.

**Safety** – skaters who have not passed their Canskate Stage 5 badge will be required to wear a helmet.( regardless of age) This is also a policy within Skate Canada.