

2017 - 2018 Special Olympics
Figure Skating Technical Requirements
(Skate Canada Domestic)
(July 18, 2017)

The SOC Figure Skating rules are based upon the Skate Canada CanSkate and STAR programs. ISU or the SC rules shall be employed except when they are in conflict with the Official Special Olympics Canada Sports Rules. In such cases, the Official Special Olympics Canada Figure Skating Rules shall apply.

Note: All reference to vocal music permitted is for Skate Canada domestic events only.

Any changes to the requirements are noted by the text being underlined.

A. Official Events

SINGLES: Male or Female

Levels 1-6 and Open

Free skate Program only

DANCE: Male, Female & Couples

Introductory* & Levels 1-6

2 set pattern dances according to Skate Canada STAR draw

*Please note that the Introductory Dance event is not offered at the Provincial or National level of competition

PAIR

Levels 1 – 3

Freestyle program only

Please see the event information for eligibility requirements

EXTRA Categories: (These categories will NOT be offered at Provincial or Canada Games)

Invitational and Regional competitions may offer more than the outlined Skate Canada Special Olympic Figure Skating Categories if time permits. Events may utilize the Skate Canada CanSkate Element events. CanSkate element events will not be offered at the Provincial or National Level of competition. Skaters may only enter one System i.e. either CanSkate Element events categories or Skate Canada Special Olympic categories.

Any category from the STAR Technical Program Requirements may be used i.e. Improv, Interpretive, Showcase etc. These categories will not be offered at Provincial or National Competitions.

B. Special Olympic Figure Skating Technical Program Requirements:

SINGLES

Level 1

For skaters working on Stages 1-3 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have passed Stage 4.

Level 1 * Safety requirement- CSA approved helmets must be worn at all times including during competition

Freestyle Program 1:00 minute +/- 10 seconds. (*Vocal music is permitted*).

This program must include the following Elements from CanSkate Stages 1-3:

6 Elements in Total

2 Jump elements

- a) Forward Gliding Two Foot Jump
- b) Backward Gliding Two Foot Jump

2 Turns

- a) Forward Two foot turn
- b) Backward Two foot turn

1 Glide

- a) Forward Two Feet to One Foot Glide on a Curve

Other-

- a) Backward Push /Glide Sequence

No repeated jumps, glides or other. No elements included above CanSkate Stage 3.

See Skate Canada CanSkate Assessment Criteria

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored

Level 2

For skaters working on Stages 4-6 of the CanSkate Program. Skaters must not have completed Stage 6

Level 2* Safety requirement- (For skaters who have not completed stage 5) - CSA approved helmets must be worn at all times including during competition

NOTE: If skater is not wearing a Helmet at the event they must provide the CanSkate report card verifying they have successfully completed Stage 5.

Freestyle Program 1:40 minutes maximum. *Vocal music is permitted. The program must include the following elements from CanSkate 4-6.*

6 Elements in Total

3 Jump elements

- a) Power jump
- b) Rotating power jump
- c) Combination jump- Two Foot Forward to Backward - Two Foot Backward to Forward

2 Spin elements

- a) Forward One Foot Spin (spiraling edge from standstill or back crossovers.)
- b) Two foot sit spin

1 Spiral

Forward Spiral (choice of foot, unassisted)

No repeated jumps, spins or spirals. No elements included above CanSkate Stage 6

See Skate Canada CanSkate Assessment Criteria

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored

Level 3

For STAR athletes, who have completed CanSkate Stage 6. Geared for the skaters who have not mastered more than 3 single jumps

Freestyle Program 1:40 minutes maximum. *Vocal music is permitted.*

The program will include elements from STAR 1

6 Elements in total

3 Jump elements

- a) Waltz Jump
- b) Salchow
- c) Toe Loop

2 Spin elements

- a) Forward Upright Spin
- b) Backward Upright Spin

1 Spiral

- a) Circular Spiral Sequence

* 2 spirals, one on each foot executed on a circle in the same direction.

No repeated jumps, spins or spirals. No Elements above STAR 1.

Element Assessment Criteria as per STAR 1

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored

Level 4

Geared to skaters who have not mastered more than 5 single jumps

Free skate Program 2:00 minutes +/- 10sec. *Vocal music is permitted*

9 Elements in total

5 Jump elements

- a) Single salchow
- b) Single toe loop
- c) Waltz jump + single toe loop combination
- d) Single loop

- e) Single flip or single lutz

2 Spin elements

- a) Backward upright spin
- b) Forward entry sit spin or camel spin with no change of foot, no flying entry, no variations of positions. A forward upright spin is not permitted

1 Forward Spiral Sequence

A sequence of two forward spirals with no more than 8 steps in between - one spiral on each foot, unsupported on either inside or outside edge. Each spiral must be held for a minimum of three seconds

1 Turn Sequence: Forward outside three-turn, backward cross-cut, backward inside Choctaw - 4x **(Two sequences per foot must be performed i.e. R – L – R – L)**

No additional jumps, spins or spirals. No Elements above STAR 2

Element Assessment Criteria as per STAR 2

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored as per STAR 2 Assessment criteria

Level 5

Geared to skaters who have not mastered double jumps

Free skate Program 2:00 minutes +/- 10 seconds. *Vocal music is permitted*

8 Elements in total

5 jump elements

- a) All single jumps permitted including Axel
- b) Must include at least one axel type jump (waltz or single axel)
- c) Must include 5 different types single jumps (Note waltz & axel are considered the same type). If 5 different types of jump elements are not completed the repeated jump element type will be invalidated.
- d) Must include a single loop + single loop combination **(no other loop jump may be performed)**
- e) Maximum 1 additional jump combination (*Jump combinations may not have more than two jumps)
- f) Jump sequences are not permitted
- g) No jump may be included more than twice. If a jump is repeated, it must be in a combination

2 spins elements

- a) Must include backward upright spin
- b) Must include a combination spin that must include at least one camel and one sit position and commence with a forward entry. No flying, no variations of positions, change of foot optional.

1 Forward Spiral Sequence

A sequence of two forward spirals with no more than 4 steps in between - one spiral on each foot, unsupported on either inside or outside edge. Each spiral must be held for a minimum of three seconds

No additional jumps, spins or spirals. No Elements above STAR 4

Element Assessment Criteria as per STAR 3

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored as per STAR 3 Assessment criteria

Level 6

Geared to those skaters who are working on double jumps.

Free skate Program: 2:00 minutes +/- 10 seconds. Vocal music is permitted.

8 Elements in total

5 Jump Elements

- a) Maximum two double jumps. Double jumps cannot be included in combination and cannot be repeated
- b) Must include at least one axel. If no axel jump, the final jump element will be invalidated.
- c) Maximum 2 jump combinations. Jump combinations may not include more than two jumps.
- d) Jump sequences are not permitted
- e) No jump may be included more than twice. If a jump is repeated, it must be in combination.

2 Spin Elements

- a) One sit spin or camel spin. Flying entry optional; no change of foot, no variations of positions
 - b) One combination spin. No flying entry and no variations of positions: change of foot optional.
- All three basic positions must be attempted. If all three basic positions are not attempted, this will be reflected by the judges in the GOEs

1 Forward Spiral Sequence

A sequence of two forward spirals with no more than 4 steps in between - one spiral on each foot, unsupported on either inside or outside edge. Each spiral must be held for a minimum of three seconds

No additional jumps, spins or spirals. No Elements above STAR 5

CPC scoring will be used

Open

Skaters must have the Senior Bronze test or higher. Geared to those skaters who can do more than two double jumps.

Free skate Program: 3:00 minutes +/- 10 seconds. Vocal music is permitted

Six Jump elements.

- a) All jumps permitted
- b) Must include at least one Axel jump. If no axel jump, the final jump element will be invalidated.
- c) Maximum three combinations or sequences. Jump combinations may contain no more than two jumps.

d) No jump included more than twice and if a jump is repeated it must be in combination or sequence

Three spins. All spins shall be called no higher than Level B

- a) One spin must be a combination spin, change of foot mandatory.
- b) One spin must be a flying spin in one position with no change of foot.
- c) One spin of any nature

One step sequence

One step sequence, spiral sequence or choreographic sequence.

All step/spiral sequences shall be called no higher than Level B

****Note:** the first step or spiral sequence included in the program which meets the minimum requirements to be identified will be counted.

CPC scoring will be used.

ICE DANCE – SOLO AND COUPLES

Introductory Dance (at the Invitational/Regional level only)

Skaters must not have passed any dances. Skaters must perform the following elements:

- Fwd clockwise progressives on circle (one full circle)
- Fwd counter clockwise progressives on circle (one full circle)
- Fwd clockwise chasses on circle (one full circle)
- Fwd counter clockwise chasses on circle (one full circle)
- Fwd swing rolls on axis (two on each foot)
- Slide Chasse- clockwise on circle (one full circle)
- Slide chasse counter clockwise on circle (one full circle)
- Fwd outside cross rolls (two on each foot)

Please note that this is not a ranked event. No medals will be awarded. Skaters will receive a report card and a ribbon or certificate (Merit, Bronze, Silver or Gold)

Level 1 Dance

Skaters must have passed one Preliminary Dance (STAR 2a, STAR 2b or STAR 3a)

2017-2018 season

- Canasta (2 sequences)
- Baby Blues (2 sequences)

Level 2 Dance

Skaters must not have passed the complete Junior Bronze (STAR 5) dance test

2017-2018 season

- Swing (2 sequences)
- Fiesta (2 sequences)

Level 3 Dance

Skaters must not have passed the complete Senior Bronze dance test
2017-2018 season

- Willow (2 sequences)
- Ten Fox (2 sequences)

Level 4 Dance

Skaters must not have passed the complete Junior Silver dance test
2017-2018

- European (2 sequences)
- Foxtrot (2 sequences)

Level 5 Dance

Skaters must not have passed the complete Senior Silver dance test
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- Killian (4 sequences)
- Blues (2 sequences)

Level 6 Dance

Skaters must have passed the complete Senior Silver Dance test. No restriction to how many Gold dances passed.

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- Quickstep (3 sequences)
- Silver Samba (2 sequences)

All dances will be scored according to Skate Canada guidelines. Please see scoring appendix

PAIR - FREESKATE

Level 1 Pair

Eligibility: Each pair member must be in minimum Level 3 Free skate

Pair's free skate program 1:30 minutes maximum. Vocal music is permitted

The program must include 8 of the following 10 elements:

- Forward stroking in unison, hand in hand
- Forward crossovers in unison, hand in hand - clockwise
- Forward crossovers in unison, hand in hand – counter clockwise
- Synchronized two foot spin
- Side by side forward pivot Pair spin, position optional

- Pair spiral, position optional
- Synchronized bunny hop, hand in hand
- Straight line step sequence
- Backward stroking, hand in hand
- Stationary lift (not above the man's shoulders)

Level 2 Pair

Eligibility: Each pair member must be in minimum Level 4 Free skate.

Pair's free skate program 2:00 minutes maximum. Vocal music is permitted.

8 of 10 following elements must be included:

- Backward crossovers, position optional clockwise
- Backward crossovers, position optional counter clockwise
- Lunge in a holding position, position optional
- Spirals in a holding position, position optional
- Bunny Hop Lift

Lift limited to one turn by the man and one and a half turns by the lady -no full extension of the man's arms

- Step sequence (pattern optional minimum of eight steps) straight line, circular, serpentine
- Synchronized jump (jump optional)
- One foot synchronized spin, three rotations
- One-foot pair spin, position optional, three rotations

The following elements are NOT permitted in this program:

- a. Overhead lifts that require full extension of both of the man's arms
- b. Death spiral
- c. Throws

Level 3 Pair

Eligibility: One pair member must be in Level 4 Free skate or higher. One pair member **MUST** be higher than Level 4 Free Skate.

Pair's free skate program: 2:30 minutes maximum. Vocal music is permitted.

The program must include the following elements:

- 1 pair spin
- 1 solo spin
- 1 solo jump
- 1 step sequence
- 1 lift
- 1 throw jump

- 1 death spiral (modified)

MASTERS SINGLES LEVELS:

Masters Level 1/2, Masters Level 3/4 will allow a skater to move down but the Masters Levels are **not eligible** for Provincial or Canada Games or World Games

In order to compete in the Masters levels the athlete must be 25 years of age as of July 1 preceding the competition. These events are intended for athletes who are no longer able to successfully complete the program requirements for which they are classified. Example: Skater used to be able to complete requirements of Level 3 Free Skate but due to age or injury etc. they are no longer able to perform the required elements but are not able to move down a level due to Special Olympic Regulations. This skater would enter a Masters Level in which they are able to complete the elements. This could be Masters Level 1/2 or Masters Level 3/4 etc.

Once a skater enters a Masters event they must remain in the Masters events.

Masters Level 1/2 Freeskate:

Geared for skaters who are performing at or below the Stage 6 CanSkate level..

Skaters will perform a Free Skate program of **maximum** 1:30 min. Vocal music is permitted

7 Elements total

4 Jump Elements:

- a. Power Jump
- b. Rotating Power Jump
- c. Forward Gliding Two Foot Jump
- d. Backward Gliding Two Foot Jump

1 Spin Element:

- a. Forward One Foot Spin (spiraling edge from standstill or back crossovers)

1 Field Movement:

- a. Forward Spiral

1 Other

- a. Backward Push/Glide Sequence

No repeated jumps, spins or spirals. No elements included above CanSkate Stage 6

See Skate Canada CanSkate Assessment Criteria

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored

Masters Level 3/4 Freeskate:

Geared to skaters who have not mastered more than 5 single jumps

Free skate Program of **maximum** 2:00 minutes. *Vocal music is permitted*

9 Elements in total

5 Jump elements

- a) Single salchow
- b) Single toe loop
- c) Waltz jump + single toe loop combination
- d) Single loop
- e) Combination jump (may include flip or lutz)

2 spin elements

- a) Backward upright spin
- b) Forward entry ~~upright spin~~, sit spin or camel spin with no change of foot, no flying entry, no variations of positions. A forward upright spin is not permitted

1 Forward Spiral Sequence

A sequence of two forward spirals with no more than 8 steps in between- one spiral on each foot, unsupported on either inside or outside edge. Each spiral must be held for a minimum of three seconds

1 Turn Sequence: Forward outside three-turn, backward cross-cut, backward inside Choctaw - 4x **(Two sequences per foot must be performed i.e. R – L – R – L)**

No additional jumps, spins or spirals. No Elements above STAR 2

Element Assessment Criteria as per STAR 2

Skating Skills, Performance and Execution will be scored as per STAR 2 Assessment criteria

C. Illegal movements

The following are not allowed in any program at any level.

- Somersault type elements including cartwheels, back flips and rolling on the ice.
- Lying and/or prolonged stationary kneeling on both knees on the ice at any moment including the splits on the ice.
- Kneeling or sliding (two knees, legs or combination of body parts) or supporting oneself on the ice with a hand(s)

D. Divisioning:

Each flight can have no more than 8 skaters. When there are more than eight (8) skaters in a Level, a skate-off will take place. In the case of an odd number of skaters the larger group would go into group "A" (the higher group) of the skate-off.

E. Skate-off for final flight

If a skate – off is necessary, skaters will be assigned to a warm up group. Each group will warm – up and immediately compete (Warm up group 1 – Competition for group 1).

No results will be posted – only the final flights in which the skaters will compete in.

If the number of skaters is uneven, the top flight will have an odd number.

In the case of a tie, the PC scores will be used to break the tie. If after this the tie remains, the skater with least number of Merit assessments will break the tie, followed by the number of bronze assessment etc.

In Dance – only 1 dance will be used for a skate-off (to be drawn on day of competition)

F. Practice & Warm up:

1) Practice Ice

- Max of 10 skaters on ice
- Coaches will not be allowed on the ice during practice.
- Sessions will be by level not chapter

2) Warm –ups

- Coaches cannot be on the ice during warm up
- Coaches must have easy access to the athletes either by removal of glass or open doors.

G. Competition safety

- 1) All doors/openings to the ice level must be closed during competition events. (when skaters are performing)

H. Music:

For all ~~Single and Pairs~~ events music selections may contain vocals. The vocals must be appropriate for all ages.

Each entry must provide two CDs for the competition upon registration. One CD must be marked "Master" and one for back up –marked "Copy". **(Check the event announcement for exact music submission requirements)**

All music used must be in the public domain or covered by the performing rights societies.

Competitors who have music composed specifically for their programs either wholly or in part are responsible for obtaining a written release from the composer for the use of such music on radio and/ or television or appropriate clearance from the performing rights societies.

Standards Specifications for Music:

- 1) One program shall be recorded on each CD

(2) The start of the music shall be recorded on the CD with less than two seconds of lead in.

(3) Competitor's name followed by Level, and music time shall be shown on the CD label.

For Dance events, skaters may choose music from Dance Series 8 or the Skate Canada approved contemporary music.

I. Dress code/Props/Helmets:

1. Outfits

Except where otherwise stated, skating outfits must comply with Section 6000 D3.0 (1-4) in the Event Management Handbook Skate Canada

- Clothing worn in competitions must be modest, dignified and appropriate for athletic competition and must not give the effect of excessive nudity for athletic sport. No tights for men are permitted; women may wear skirts, trousers or tights. Sleeveless costumes are permitted. Clothing may reflect the character of the music. The safety of the skater must be a major consideration in the selection of clothing. Tails, boot covers, and trailing fabric that could trip the skater should be avoided.

2. Props

Props may not be used. Any item that is held in the hand or removed during the performance is considered to be a prop. Thus, for example, a hat worn throughout the program is not considered to be a prop, but becomes one if it is intentionally removed during the performance. If an item falls off on its own, it is not a prop.

3. Helmets

- All level 1 competitors must wear CSA approved helmets.
- All skaters who have not passed Stage 5 must wear a CSA approved helmet. (Level 2 skaters)

Please note: All Level 2 skaters that have passed stage 5 must submit a photocopy of their report card at registration for proof otherwise they will have to wear a helmet for competition. (No exceptions)

J. Planned Program Sheets:

Will be required for all Free skate and Pair events

****Coaches/Skaters** are required to hand in Planned Program sheets at registration desk for all Single and Pair events. (Please use form provided)

K. Scoring:

All events will be ranked. Final placements will be posted. Total scores will not be posted. For more information, please refer to the scoring appendix.

L. Report Cards:

Each skater will receive a report card following the event. The report card will show the assessment of each Required Element and Component Scores or CPC marks depending on event/level.

M. Awards:

All skaters placing first through third will receive a medal. (No medals will be awarded for Introductory Dance)

N. Advancing To the Next Level of Competition

- 1) If a skater /team meets the following criteria they are required to advance to the next skating level for the next competitive cycle.
 - Won against at least one (1) other athlete / team at Special Olympics Canada Winter Games. (single competitions only)
- 2) If a skater or team becomes the National Champion(s) by competing in a category in which they are the sole competitor at a National Games, they have the option of remaining in the same level for further National competition. It will be up to the discretion of the coach to enter the athlete in the appropriate category.
- 3) If a skater/team is in a level that is divided into different ability groups, only the gold medal winner of the highest ability level must move up.

O. Coaches: All coaches must be currently registered with Skate Canada as well as Special Olympics Canada. Please refer to Special Olympics Canada Policy for NCCP requirements.

In order to attend with an athlete in Level 1 and/or Level 2 the Coach must be a minimum CanSkate trained. In order to attend with an athlete in Level 3 and higher or any dance or pair event the coach must be Regional Coach (Primary STARSkate) trained or higher.

P. Levels

During the 4 year competitive cycle, skaters may move up a level. Skaters **may not move down** a level unless they are in the Masters Events.