

Summary of Applicable Variations for 2013-14

Variations are the building blocks of Difficulty Groups for Elements and Features. With several changes to the requirements for Difficulty Groups this season, this chart provides a glance at the Variations that now apply to each Element and Feature. *ISU Communication 1798* outlines the specific requirements for Variations and Difficulty Groups in detail.

Elements

| Element | Feature | Element Variations | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| BLOCK | None | 1. Pivoting - Must be in four lines for Short Program | | |
| CIRCLE | None | 1. Traveling | | |
| LINE | None | 1. Pivoting 2. Interacting and Pivoting | | |
| WHEEL | None | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> SHORT PROGRAM 1. Traveling 2. Change of rotational direction </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> FREE PROGRAM 1. At least two different configurations 2. Change of rotational direction 3. Change of position of each spoke </td> </tr> </table> | SHORT PROGRAM 1. Traveling 2. Change of rotational direction | FREE PROGRAM 1. At least two different configurations 2. Change of rotational direction 3. Change of position of each spoke |
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| INTERSECTION | Point of Intersection | 1. Back-to-back (or backward pivoting entry) preparation and approach 2. Backward 360 degree rotation during approach | | |
| NO HOLD ELEMENT | Step Sequence | 1. Change of axis 2. Body movements 3. Skaters/lines change places 4. Extra features | | |
| BLOCK STEP SEQUENCE | None | 1. Change of rotation 360 degrees 2. Series of three or four different types of difficult turns on one foot | | |
| CIRCLE STEP SEQUENCE | None | 1. Change of rotation 360 degrees 2. Series of three or four different types of difficult turns on one foot | | |
| MOVES | None | None | | |
| MOVES IN THE FIELD | Free Skate Moves | 1. One fm must be a spiral 2. Must use fm's from specific Levels for each Difficulty Group 3. Two different fm's executed at the same time 4. All skaters execute a change of position, relative to the skater beside them | | |
| SPIN | None | None | | |
| GROUP LIFT | None | 1. Vaulting up AND down from a lift 2. Change of position of lifted skater 3. Balancing lift 4. Rotating in both rotational directions 5. Mirror image pattern | | |
| CREATIVE | None | None | | |

Features

| Feature | Element | Feature Variations |
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| Point of intersection | INTERSECTION | None |
| Step Sequence | NO HOLD ELEMENT | 1. 360 degree rotation on one or two feet 2. Series/combo of two or three different types of difficult turns on 1 foot |
| Free Skate Moves | MOVES IN THE FIELD | None |