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Novice sections (Singles and Pairs skating) clarification for the season 2014/2015: Communication 2014/04

Dear SAFSA Council members,

The ISU circulated the Novice requirements for the new skating season 2014/2015 on the 29th July 2014. Communication 1886.

As per rule A.2.1 - A.2.3, the NTC has discussed the ISU rules and has agreed to accept the ISU Novice (Advanced Novice) requirements for the season 2014/2015. The requirements for the season will be as per the ISU communication (including the use of vocals being allowed), except for the following minor amendment for the free program in RED and underlined:

“a) A maximum of 6 jump elements for Girls and 7 jump elements for Boys one of which must be an Axel type jump. There may be up to two (2) jump combinations or sequences. A jump combination can contain only two (2) jumps. A jump sequence can contain any number of jumps, but only two most difficult jumps will be counted. Any single and double jump (including Double Axel) cannot be executed more than twice in total **and if executed more than once, such second execution must be in a Jump Combination or Jump Sequence.**

b) There must be a maximum of two (2) spins of a different nature, one of which must be a spin combination (minimum of ten (10) revolutions) and one a flying spin or a spin with a flying entrance (minimum of six (6) revolutions).

c) There must be a maximum of one (1) step sequence”

In terms of this because the ISU has specified the rule change through their communication SAFSA has automatically accepted the change for South Africa as well, and the NTC were unanimous in their acceptance with the minor amendment.



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Please note that the rules for the SA section, Pre-Novice, remain the same as per our rule book and do not follow the basic novice A rules in the ISU announcement.

For clarity sake, the spiral/step choreo sequence required in the Free Program must adhere to the following criteria:

- **Choreo Spiral Sequence**
The Choreo Spiral Sequence consists primarily of spirals. A Spiral is a position with one blade on the ice and the free leg (including the knee and foot) higher than the hip level. Spiral positions are classified according to the skating leg (right, left), edge (inside, outside), direction (forward, backward) and position of the free leg (backward, forward, sideways).
- There must be at least two (2) spiral positions held for not less than three (3) seconds or only one (1) spiral position held for not less than six (6) seconds. If any of these requirements are not met, the Spiral Sequence will have no value. The Spiral Sequence has only one fixed Base Value and shall be evaluated by the Judges in GOE only.

The Juvenile and Pre-novice sections, the skaters have the option of a spiral or step choreo sequence.

Please also take note of the following clarification:

For the juvenile and pre novice sections, there will be NO bonus/credit given to the jump elements after the halfway mark. This is in line with the ISU Basic Novice A rules and the NTC agrees with this decision unanimously.

Yours sincerely,

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