



### Ice Dance Couples Criteria for Season 2023/2024

**Beginner Couples** - Only applicable to Open Competition events where Beginner couples category is included

Pattern Dance	Free Dance
Pattern Dance Music will be ISU	1 minute 30 seconds +/- 5 seconds
All dances will be without Key Points and evaluated up to level 1	Element features up to level 1 will be considered for level
Novice Foxtrot (2 seq) Rhythm Blues (3 seq)	One (1) set of Sequential Twizzles
	One (1) Dance Spin A spin skated by the couple together in any hold. To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by both partners.
	Two (2) Different Choreographic Elements chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic Lift</li> <li>• Choreographic Spinning Movement</li> <li>• Choreographic Twizzling Movement</li> <li>• Choreographic Sliding Movement</li> <li>• Choreographic Character Step Sequence</li> </ul>

#### Characteristics of Levels for Beginner Pattern Dances

Basic Level	Level 1
50% of Pattern Dance is completed	75% of Pattern Dance is completed

The Program Components for Pattern Dances are judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Performance
- Timing

The factor of the Components is 0.7.

For events with two (2) Pattern Dances, the Total Score for each dance will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5.

#### Characteristics of Levels for Beginner Free Dance

All Free Dance Elements will be assessed as per ISU Ice Dance Communications 2555 and 2569 for season 2023/2024.

**Juvenile Couples** - Only applicable to Open Competition events where Juvenile couples category is included

<b>Pattern Dance</b>	<b>Free Dance</b>
Pattern Dance Music will be ISU	1 minute 30 seconds +/- 5seconds
All dances will be without Key Points and evaluated up to level 1	Element features up to level 1 will be considered for level
Riverside Rhumba (2 seq) Golden Skaters Waltz (2 seq)	One (1) set of Sequential Twizzles
	One (1) Dance Spin A spin skated by the couple together in any hold. To be performed on the spot around a common axis on one foot with or without change(s) of foot by both partners.
	Two (2) Choreographic Elements: One (1) of which must be a Choreographic Character Step Sequence  And One (1) additional chosen from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreographic Lift</li> <li>• Choreographic Spinning Movement</li> <li>• Choreographic Twizzling Movement</li> <li>• Choreographic Sliding Movement</li> </ul>

### Characteristics of Levels for Juvenile Pattern Dances

<b>Basic Level</b>	<b>Level 1</b>
50% of Pattern Dance is completed	75% of Pattern Dance is completed

The Program Components for Pattern Dances are judged in:

- Skating Skills
- Performance
- Timing

The factor of the Components is 0.7.

For events with two (2) Pattern Dances, the Total Score for each dance will be multiplied by a factor of 0.5

### Characteristics of Levels for Beginner Free Dance

All Free Dance Elements will be assessed as per ISU Ice Dance Communications 2555 and 2569 for season 2023/2024.

### **Basic Novice – Advanced Novice Couples**

All Novice Ice Dance Categories will be judged under the current ISU rules for season 2023/2024, for criteria and requirements refer to ISU communications 2555 and 2569.

### **Junior and Senior Ice Dance Couples**

Junior and Senior Ice Dance Categories will be judged under the current ISU rules for season 2023/2024, for criteria and requirements refer to ISU Communications 2560 and 2569.

#### **Entry Criteria – British Ice Dance Championships Qualifier Events**

- Beginner and Juvenile: N/A
- Basic Novice – Senior: No mandatory age or test restrictions, all skaters may compete at any level they wish to compete at.

#### **Entry Criteria - British Ice Dance Championships 2023**

- All skaters must meet the test requirements as set out below.
- All couples must have competed in at least one of the qualifier events in the same category they plan to compete in at the British Ice Dance Championships.
- The National standings will be calculated based upon each couple's best overall score obtained at any of the qualifier events in the 2023/2024 season and couples will be ranked accordingly.
- If two or more couples have the same result, the Total Elements Score will break the tie in the Rhythm Dance or Pattern Dance(s). The Program Components Score will break the tie in the Free Dance. If these results are also equal, the Couples concerned will be considered as tied.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Test Requirements</b>	<b>Age requirements</b>
Beginner	N/A – Category not included in British Ice Dance Championships or Qualifiers	
Juvenile	N/A – Category not included in British Ice Dance Championships or Qualifiers	
Basic Novice	Minimum: Level 4 PD + FD + FM or Level 3 Skills	Age Requirements not applicable for British Ice Dance Championships.  However, skaters wishing to be considered for ISU international competitions should compete in the age-appropriate category according to ISU Rule 108, paragraph 3.
Intermediate Novice	Minimum: Level 5 PD + FD + FM or Level 4 Skills	
Advanced Novice	Minimum: Level 7 PD + FD + FM or Level 5 Skills	
Junior	Minimum: Level 9 PD + FD + FM or Level 7 Skills	
Senior	Minimum: Level 10 PD + FD + FM or Level 8 Skills	