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Introduction of BASIC SKILLS Group

(What is this and why)

At the recent ISU Global Seminar, at which Lisa Jelinek, (ISU Coordinator for Competitions in Asia Oceania) was a participant, the ISU made the following recommendation when using IJS for judging in low level competitions.

Skaters in the following categories, make up the BASIC SKILLS group:

1. Rising Starz Level 1
2. Rising Starz Level 2
3. Rising Starz Level 3
4. Rising Starz Level 4
5. Preliminary

It is recommended that for these lower levels, the assignment of Levels of Difficulty not be assigned for the spins, spirals and steps and that all elements will be assigned a level 1, regardless of content. In those cases where the element does not meet the requirements, a level 0 will be assigned.

This is to encourage the low-level skaters to perform well executed, good quality basic elements within the range of the abilities of the skater. Rather than, in the majority of cases, poorly executed and failed attempts at difficult features to which the skaters do not have the necessary skill level or ability to undertake in a safe manner.

If a low-level skater attempts a feature or difficult variation for any spins, spirals or steps in these levels, it will be ignored for an increase of level and will only be evaluated by the judges in terms of the GOE of the element. This move is seen as a positive step, as it will encourage our developing skaters to master the basics of the various skating elements first, which will assist them in forming a solid foundation and skill base for the learning of the more difficult aspects of the elements.

In another move to assist the development of our future skaters, it is recommended that the weighting for the program components factors be modified to reflect the importance of the Skating Skills and Performance/Execution areas of the Program Components for the low-level skaters. The updated Program Components weighting factors are:

- o Skating Skills – 1.00
- o Transitions – 0.75
- o Performance / Execution – 1.00
- o Choreography – 0.75
- o Interpretation – 0.75

ISAM will be adopting these recommendations, effective immediately, for all competition levels from Preliminary and below.

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