

Category: **Ice Dance**

Subject: **Marking guide for Grade of Execution of Sections**

Characteristics of Grade of Execution (source: Communication 1860)

ASPECTS	Very poor	Poor	Mediocre	Acceptable	Good	Very Good	Outstanding/ excellent
SEQUENCES/ SECTIONS OF PATTERN DANCE	-3	-2	-1	Base	+1	+2	+3
Quality/correctness of Edges/Steps/ Turns for the whole of Pattern Dance Element	40% or less clean Edges/Steps/ Turns with many errors	50% clean Edges/Steps/ Turns with 2 major errors	60% clean Edges/Steps/ Turns with 1 major error	75% clean Edges/Steps/ Turns with no major error	80% clean Edges/Steps/ Turns with no major error	90% clean Edges/Step/ Turns with no major error	100% clean Edges/Step/ Turns
Depth of Edges	very flat	generally flat	some flats	shallow	good curves	deep	very deep
Correct Holds	40%	50%	60%	75%	80%	90%	100%
Correct Pattern (correct tracking and restart and its repetition if more than one Sequence is required)	40%	50%	60%	75%	80%	90%	100%

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Adjustments to Grade of Execution (source: Communications 1860)

SECTIONS/SEQUENCES OF PATTERN DANCE	No higher than:	Reduce by:
Not started on the prescribed beat:		
- for Pattern Dances skated when ISU Dance Music is required: Introductory Steps are not finished with (too short) or exceed (too long) the introductory phrasing of the particular tune		1 grade for the first performed Sequence/Section
- for Pattern Dances skated when music must be provided by the Couple: first Step of the dance not on the required beat of the measure		1 grade for the first performed Sequence/Section
Not holding Edges/Steps for required number of beats for one or both partners		
▪ from one Edge/Step up to 10% of Steps of the Pattern Dance Element	+1	
▪ for more than 10% and up to 25% of Steps of the Pattern Dance Element	0	
▪ for more than 25% of Steps of the Pattern Dance Element	-1	
Pattern Dance Element missed through interruption of up to ¼ element	-1	
Skating of Steps due to Stumble or Fall	-1	
LOSSES OF BALANCE, STUMBLES AND FALLS	No higher than:	Reduce by:
Loss of Balance by one partner		1 grade
Loss of Balance by both partners	0	
Stumble by one partner	0	
Stumble by both partners	-1	
Fall by one partner	-2	
Fall by both partners	-3	