

Regulation 5000-A-3.3 and 3.4

3.3 ALLOWANCE OF A DELAYED START OR CONTINUANCE

- (1) If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the competitor may restart the program from its beginning, provided the referee is informed within thirty seconds after the start of the program.
- (2) If there is an interruption or stop in the music or any other adverse condition unrelated to the competitor's equipment, such as lighting, ice condition, etc., the competitor(s) must stop skating at the acoustic signal of the referee. The competitor(s) shall continue from the point of interruption immediately after the problem has been solved. If, however, the interruption lasts longer than 10 minutes, there shall be a second warm-up period according to 7000 G 2.1(4).
- (3) If a competitor is injured during the performance or another adverse condition related to his or her equipment (such as health problems or unexpected damage to clothing or equipment) impedes his or her skating, the competitor(s) must stop skating. If the competitor does not stop, they will be ordered to do so by an acoustic signal of the referee. If the adverse condition can be remedied without delay, the competitor(s) shall immediately continue from the point of interruption. If this is not possible, the referee will allow a period of up to three minutes for the competitor(s) to resume skating from the point of interruption. This time period commences immediately after the competitor(s) stops skating or is ordered to do so by the referee, whichever is earlier.
- (4) In qualifying competitions leading up to and including all national championships, if the competitor(s) does not resume skating the program within the three minutes period, the competitor(s) shall be considered withdrawn. At all other competitions, application of this regulation is at the discretion of the referee.
- (5) The referee shall decide from which point in the program the competitor is to continue and shall communicate this to the competitor, the judges and the technical panel.
- (6) If a competitor with the first starting number in the group is injured or any other adverse condition related to his or her equipment impeding skating occurs during the warm-up period, and time before the start of the program is not sufficient to remedy the adverse condition, the referee shall allow the competitor up to three additional minutes before being called to the start.
- (7) If any competitor between entering the ice and being called to the start is injured, or any other adverse condition related to him or her or his or her equipment impeding his or her skating occurs and time before the start of the program is not sufficient to remedy the adverse condition, the referee shall allow the competitor up to three additional minutes before being called to the start.

- (8) With respect to adverse conditions related to a competitor or his equipment, only one continuance per program is allowed. In the case of a second stop of the performance due to an adverse condition related to the competitor or equipment, the competitor concerned shall be considered withdrawn.
- (9) If the competitor(s) does/do not complete the program, no marks are awarded and the competitor(s) is/are withdrawn. If a competitor(s) is/are unable to complete the program, no marks are to be awarded and the competitor(s) is/are withdrawn. The same applies to a situation where the competitor(s) has/have been given the opportunity to continue the program from the point of interruption and is still unable to complete the program.

3.3 INTERFERENCE

Conditions upon which a skater shall interrupt a performance are as follows:

- (1) ~~**UNSATISFACTORY TEMPO OR LOUDNESS OF MUSIC:** If the music is unsatisfactory with respect to tempo or loudness, no restart may be made if the skater fails to inform the referee within 30 seconds from the start.~~
- (2) ~~**STOP IN MUSIC, DAMAGE TO CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT, OR COMPETITOR INTERRUPTS THE PROGRAM WITHOUT THE SIGNAL OF THE REFEREE FOR SHORT AND FREE PROGRAMS, PATTERN DANCES, ORIGINAL AND FREE DANCE AT THE NOVICE LEVEL AND BELOW (as per Skate Canada Rule 1602 (8), for Junior and Senior events, ISU Special Regulations and Technical Rules will apply):**~~
- (a) ~~**CONTINUATION OF AN INTERRUPTED PERFORMANCE:** If there is an interruption or stop in the music, or if circumstances arise jeopardizing the safety of the competitor on account of unexpected damage to his clothing or equipment which impedes his skating, the competitor must stop skating at the signal of the referee. The referee must interrupt the performance if in his or her opinion medical attention is required. If the referee signals for the competitor to stop, the judges must cease marking. If the problem can be solved immediately, the skater shall continue from the point of interruption. If this is not possible, a period of up to 2-3 minutes before the continuation will be allowed. The same applies when the competitor interrupts the program without the signal to the referee.~~
- (b) ~~**TIMING OF THE THREE (3) MINUTE ALLOWANCE:** When a program is interrupted the timing of the three (3) minute allowance will commence immediately after the referee has stopped the performance with a loud signal.~~
- (c) ~~In the above case, a 1.0 deduction will be applied.~~

- ~~(d) In exceptional circumstances when a fresh start is no way the fault of the skater (arena problem, audience interference, etc) the Referee shall not apply any deduction.~~
- ~~(e) If a skater/pair with the first starting number in the group is injured during the warm-up period and time before the start of the performance is not sufficient for required medical attention, the referee may allow the skater/pair up to three (3) additional minutes before he/she/they is called to start.~~
- ~~(3) **RESTARTS OF SHORT OR FREE PROGRAMS, PATTERN DANCE, SHORT OR FREE DANCE:** In qualifying competitions leading to and including all national championships, no restarts of the whole program are allowed.~~

3.4 INCOMPLETE PERFORMANCE IN COMPETITION

- (1) **FREE PROGRAM:** The competitor is allowed to finish the free program within 10 seconds plus or minus the required time. If the competitor fails to finish the free program within the allowed time range, there should be a 0.1 deduction in the marks for technical merit and presentation for up to every 10 seconds lacking or in excess. If the duration of the free program is 30 seconds or more under the required time range, no marks will be awarded.
- (2) **SHORT PROGRAM:** In the case of the short program, there should be a 0.1 deduction in the marks for required elements and presentation for up to every 10 seconds in excess. The timekeepers must inform the referees who must then advise the judges the number of seconds in excess.
- ~~(3) **COMPETITOR UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM / DANCE:** If a competitor is unable to complete the program/dance, no marks are to be awarded. The same applies to the situation when a competitor has been given the opportunity to continue the program/dance from the point of interruption and once more is unable to complete the program.~~
- ~~(4)~~(3) **TIME OF THE PROGRAM:** The time of the program will be reckoned from the moment the skater begins to move or to skate and conclude when the skater comes to a complete stop at the end of the program.

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