# **Battle of the Blades**

# Hosted by the



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This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition



Sanction # 28420

The Battle of the Blades 2019 will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

#### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test level**: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering beginner–pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

#### **ENTRIES, REFUNDS AND FEES:**

All entries must be completed on Entryeeze by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. No refunds will be made unless the event is canceled due to lack of entries.

Any change to the entry form after the April  $10^{th}$ ,2019 deadline is subject to a \$25 change fee. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and FWISC and must be accompanied by a \$25 late fee. By registering online, the processing fee is not refundable for any reason at any time.

### **FEES:**

\$95 for first 6.0 event

\$40 for each additional 6.0 event

\$50 for first Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6

\$25 for each additional Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6

\$45 for Basic Skills program event, Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 (full ice)

\$20 for each additional Basic Skills event

No admission will be charged to spectators.

#### One on One Critiques

\$50 Juvenile -Senior Critiques per program (Short or Freeskate)

\$75 Short & Freeskate

For more information, please contact Competition Chair Alena Lunin <u>alunin@icesports.com</u> the schedule will be posted at <a href="http://fortwayneiceskatingclub.org/">http://fortwayneiceskatingclub.org/</a> and also on Entryeeze.

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at SportOne/Parkview Icehouse 3 rink facility located at 3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 Phone (260)387-6614. The ice surfaces are 85'x 200' with slightly rounded corners, temperature 50-55 degree. Concession stand, pro-shop, 13 dressing rooms, full restaurant service and ample parking will be available during the competition.

#### MUSIC (PLEASE READ):

Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically online on Entryeeze, deadline of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 11:59 pm. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music". Your music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

#### **Music Criteria:**

File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this) Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music for all Basic Skills, Free Skate, Short Program and Showcase events. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. All music must be on CD's only. Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recorded "CD-RW" discs. CDs should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). A duplicate CD should be readily available rink side. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. FWISC shall not be responsible for CDs left at the conclusion of the competition. Rules governing music selection can be found in the U. S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 4040.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, FWISC and SportOne/Parkview Icehouse accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

#### JUDGING SYSTEM:

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events. No IJS judging available.

**REGISTRATION:** The registration desk will be in the lobby of the SportOne/Parkview Icehouse. The registration desk will be open one hour prior to the first practice ice each day and will close after the last event of the competition each day.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Competitors can pre-purchase practice ice before the competition for \$12 per session if arranged prior to April 10<sup>th</sup> of 2019. Sessions will be 20 minutes in length. Sessions can be purchased and selected online with Entryeeze. If any room is available, competitors can purchase additional ice at the competition for \$15 per session.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places in all events. Ribbons will be given to 4<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place for all events. Awards presentations will take place immediately following the posting of the results for each event or as early as is possible. Skaters should report to the awards area promptly in competition attire and skates.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be maintained with information regarding schedules and important announcements in the arena lobby. Skaters should arrive at the facility a minimum of one hour before their scheduled skate time and should check in with the ice monitor twenty minutes prior to their event.

**TEST SESSION**: FWISC plans to host a test session in conjunction with the competition if time allows. Skaters who wish to test may find a test application on the <a href="http://fortwayneiceskatingclub.org/">http://fortwayneiceskatingclub.org/</a> Test forms for this test session will be due on April 20th, 2019 Out of club applicants must include a "Permission to Test" letter from their home club. Mail test form to: SportOne/Parkview Icehouse Atten: Alena Lunin 3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

**INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:** U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member:
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Learn to Skate USA ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing a Learn to Skate USA Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Learn to Skate USA instructor.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – <u>no exceptions</u>. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to: http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Competition Chair - Alena Lunin at <u>alunin@icesports.com</u>
Phone 260-387-6614 ext.108
Competition Co-Chair - Lisa Surack at <u>lisa\_surack@sweetwater.com</u>

#### Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne

4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825 Phone: 260-482-3800 Rate: \$129+tax \*Block cut-off date April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# **EVENTS OFFERED**

# Excel, Compete USA, and Adults

#### **SNOWPLOW SAM - BASIC 6 ELEMENTS**

#### Two format options for the Elements Event:

- 1. Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge/referee OR
- 2. Skater will perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)
  - Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.
- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice (determined by the LOC)
- No music
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
- All elements must be skated in the order listed.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:00 max.	Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:00 max.	Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot
Basic 2	1:00 max.	<ul> <li>Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> </ul>
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade
Basic 3	1:00 max.	Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		<ul> <li>Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
Basic 4	1:00 max.	<ul> <li>Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
		Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		<ul> <li>Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> </ul>
		Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
		Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise
Basic 5	1:00 max.	Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:00 max.	Bunny Hop
		Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left
		Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg held position and
		entry
		T-stop, right or left

# **SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC**

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice with music.
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> </ul>
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> </ul>
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot
Basic 2	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> </ul>
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		<ul> <li>Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> </ul>
Basic 3	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6</li> </ul>
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		<ul> <li>Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
Basic 4	1:10 max.	<ul> <li>Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
		Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left
		Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
		Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise
Basic 5	1:10 max.	Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:10 max.	Bunny Hop
		Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left
		Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional entry and free leg position
		T-stop, right or left

# PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 1-6 COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R)
		Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max.	behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge,
		clockwise and counterclockwise
		Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position - minimum 3
		revolutions
		Mazurka
		Waltz jump
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	Backward outside three-turns, right and left
		One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in
		crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions
		Toe loop
		Half flip jump
		<ul> <li>Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	(right and left) on a continuous axis
		Backward inside three-turns, right and left
		Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions
		Half Lutz
		Salchow jump
		<ul> <li>Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> </ul>
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise
		<ul> <li>Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position- minimum 3</li> </ul>
		revolutions
		Loop jump
		Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination
		<ul> <li>Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> </ul>
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions
		Half loop jump (Euler)
		Flip jump
		Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	directions
		Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions
		Waltz jump-loop jump combination
		Lutz jump
		Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total
		Waltz jump, half loop (Euler), Salchow jump combination
		Beginning Axel jump

# PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 1-6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels.
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

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Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross
		behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge,
Pre-Free Skate	1:40 max.	clockwise and counterclockwise
		Basic one-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position- minimum 3
		revolutions
		Mazurka
		Waltz jump
		NOT ALLOWED -Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	1:40 max.	One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in
		crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions
		Toe loop jump
		Half flip jump
		NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump/toe loop combination
		Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	(right and left) on a continuous axis
		Beginning back spin- maximum 2 revolutions
		Half Lutz
		Salchow jump
		NOT ALLOWED – Salchow/toe loop combination
		Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right
Free Skate 3	1:40 max.	<ul> <li>Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3</li> </ul>
		revolutions
		Loop jump
		Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination
		NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/loop combination
		Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	Sit spin – minimum 3 revolutions
		Half Loop jump (Euler)
		Flip jump
		NOT ALLOWED – Waltz/half-loop/Salchow sequence
		Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	directions
		Camel spin – minimum 3 revolutions
		Waltz-loop jump combination
		Lutz jump
		Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, Mohawks and toe steps
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total
		Waltz jump/ half-loop (Euler)/Salchow jump combination
		Beginning Axel jump
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#### **EXCEL COMPULSORY**

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Excel Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Toe loop jump</li> <li>Salchow jump</li> <li>One-foot upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Excel High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Loop jump</li> <li>Salchow/toe loop combination</li> <li>Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Excel Pre- Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Flip jump</li> <li>Loop/loop jump combination</li> <li>Upright spin with change of foot – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Excel Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Lutz jump</li> <li>Flip/loop jump combination</li> <li>Camel, sit combination spin – minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>

#### WELL BALANCED LEVELS COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum
- Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Loop jump</li> <li>Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel)</li> <li>Upright spin with change of foot – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Pre-Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Lutz jump</li> <li>Jump combination: single/single (no Axel)</li> <li>Spin with one change of position and no change of foot – minimum 6 revolutions total</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul> <li>Axel jump</li> <li>Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)</li> <li>Spin with one change of foot and one change of position – minimum 3 revolutions on each foot</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>

#### **EXCEL FREE SKATE**

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.

Excel Pre-Preliminary	Maximum 5 jump elements:	Maximum 2 spins:	Maximum 1 Sequence:
Excel High Beginner Free Skate 1:40 Max  Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 4	Maximum 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, half-loop, loop Flip, Lutz, & Axel NOT permitted Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: Both spins must be in a single position No flying entry Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel Permitted back spins: upright Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must use one-half of the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Excel Beginner Free Skate 1:40 Max  Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 2	Maximum 4 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only Half Loops are not allowed. Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences Maximum 2 of any same jump	Maximum 2 spins: Two upright spins No change of foot No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must use one-half of the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence

# 1:40 Max Must not have passed higher

\*means required element

Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel

- No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed
- Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded

Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences

- Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed
- Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump.

One spin must be in a single position\* One spin may change feet and/or position No flying entry

Spins must be of a different character

#### Excel Pre-Preliminary

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Minimum 3 revolutions

- Choreographic Step Sequence\* (ChSt)
- Must use one-half of the ice surface
- Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements
- Jumps may be included in the step sequence

## **Excel Preliminary**

1:30 +/- 10 seconds

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test

\*means required element

Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

### Maximum 5 jump elements:

All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel

- No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed
- Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded

Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences

- Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed
- Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltzjump.

### Maximum 2 spins:

One spin must be in a single position\* One spin may change feet and/or position No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a

different character

### Maximum 1 Sequence:

- Choreographic Step Sequence\* (ChSt)
  - Must use one-half of the ice surface
  - Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements
  - Jumps may be included in the step sequence

Plus 1:30 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements:  All single jumps allowed, including single Axel  No double, or higher jumps allowed  Single Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 single Axels)  Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences  All single jumps, including the single Axel are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps)  Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps.  One 3-jump combination is allowed  Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.	Maximum 2 spins:  One spin must be in a single position*  One spin may change feet and/or position  No flying entry  Minimum 3 revolutions  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must use one-half of the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Excel Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements:  All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel  No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed  Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences  Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed  Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an axel type jump.	Maximum 2 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 6 revolutions  No flying entry  1 spin with only 1 position*  No change of foot  No flying entry  Minimum 4 revolutions  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must fully utilize the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the choreographic step sequence
Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus  2:00 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating prejuvenile free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 5 jump elements:  1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*  All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed.  Only 1 double jump may be attempted (limited to double Salchow or double toe loop)  Double loop, double flip, double Lutz, double Axel and higher jumps not allowed.  Axel plus up to 1 allowable double jump may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination  Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences  Jump combination limited to 2 jumps. One 3 jump combination is allowed  Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.	Maximum 2 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 6 revolutions  No flying entry  1 spin with only 1 position*  No change of foot  Spin may start with flying entry  Minimum 4 revolutions  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must fully utilize the ice surface  Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements  Jumps may be included in the choreographic step sequence
Excel Juvenile 2:20 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test  *means required element	Maximum 5 jump elements:  All single jumps allowed, including Axel  No double or higher jumps allowed  Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 single Axels)  Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump	Maximum 2 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 6  revolutions  Minimum 2  revolutions in each position  1 spin with only 1  position*	Maximum 1 Sequence:  • Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  • Must fully utilize the ice surface

Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required  Excel Juvenile Plus	sequences  All single jumps, including the single Axel are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps)  Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed  Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.  Maximum 5 jump elements:	<ul> <li>No change of foot</li> <li>Minimum 5 revolutions</li> <li>Both Spins may start with a flying entry.</li> <li>Spins must be of a different character</li> <li>Maximum 2 spins:</li> </ul>	Maximum 1 Sequence:
2:20 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	<ul> <li>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</li> <li>All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed.</li> <li>Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow and double toe loop)</li> <li>Double loop, double flip, double Lutz, double Axel and higher jumps not allowed</li> <li>No more than 1 Axel plus and 2 different double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination</li> <li>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>Jump combination limited to 2 jumps. One 3 jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.</li> </ul>	1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*         Minimum 6         revolutions         Minimum 2         revolutions in each position         1 spin with only 1         position*             No change of foot             Minimum 5             revolutions             Both Spins may start with a flying entry.             Spins must be of a different character	Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must fully utilize the ice surface
Excel Intermediate 3:00 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	<ul> <li>Maximum 6 jump elements:         <ul> <li>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</li> </ul> </li> <li>All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop allowed         <ul> <li>Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel and higher jumps not allowed</li> <li>No more than 1 Axel plus and 2 different double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination</li> <li>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>Maximum 3 jump combinations or sequences         <ul> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps.</li></ul></li></ul>	Maximum 2 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 6 revolutions  Minimum 2 revolutions in each position  1 spin with only 1 position*  No change of foot  Minimum 5 revolutions  Both Spins may start with a flying entry.  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must fully utilize the ice surface
Excel Novice 3:30 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 6 jump elements for ladies, 7 for men:  1 must be an Axel-type jump*  All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop, double flip allowed  Double Lutz, double Axel and higher jumps not allowed  No more than 1 Axel and 3 different double jumps may be repeated, and if repeated, at least 1 attempt must be as part of a jump combination or sequence  There is no limit to the number of single jumps that can be repeated, but no allowable double jump can be included more than twice  Maximum 3 jump combinations or sequences  Maximum 3 jump combination with a maximum of 3 jumps is allowed  Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.	Maximum 3 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 8 revolutions  Minimum 2 revolutions in each position  1 flying spin with no change of foot or position*  Minimum 6 revolutions  3rd spin is option of skater  All spins may start with a flying entry.  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt) Must fully utilize the ice surface

Excel Junior 3:30 +/- 10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 7 jump elements  I must be an Axel-type jump*  All single and double jumps allowed, except the double Axel.  Double Axel and higher jumps not allowed  No double jump can be included more than twice, and if repeated, at least 1 attempt must be as part of a jump combination or sequence  Maximum 3 jump combinations or sequences. Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed  Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.	Maximum 3 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 10 revolutions  All 3 basic positions with minimum 2 revolutions in each position for highest base value  1 spin with a flying entry*  Minimum 6 revolutions  1 spin with only one position*  Minimum 6 revolutions  All spins may start with a flying entry.  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must fully utilize the ice surface
Excel Senior 4:00 +/-10 seconds  Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating senior free skate test  *means required element  Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	Maximum 7 jump elements  1 must be an Axel-type jump* All single and double jumps allowed, including the double Axel. Triple and higher jumps not allowed No double jump can be included more than twice, and if repeated, at least 1 attempt must be as part of a jump combination or sequence Maximum 3 jump combinations or sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump followed by an axel type jump.	Maximum 3 spins:  1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  Minimum 10 revolutions  All 3 basic positions with minimum 2 revs in each position for highest base value  1 spin with a flying entry*  Minimum 6 revolutions  1 spin with only one position*  Minimum 6 revolutions  All spins may start with a flying entry.  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 2 Sequences:  Choreographic Step Sequence* (ChSt)  Must fully utilize the ice surface  One Choreographic Sequence* (ChSq)  Must be clearly visible

#### **WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM**

- Skaters may <u>not</u> enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up one level higher.
- \*\*Per ISU rules, the new definition for a jump sequence will be in effect. A jump sequence consists of two jumps; beginning with any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
	Max 5 Jump Elements	Max 2 Spins	Max 1 Sequence
No-Test 1:40 Max.	All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel     No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed     Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded      Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences     Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed     Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump	<ul> <li>Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>Min 3 revs.</li> <li>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</li> </ul>	Step Sequence     Must use one-half the ice surface     Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements     Jumps may be included in the step sequence
	Max 5 Jump Elements	Max 2 Spins	Max 1 Sequence
Pre- Preliminary 1:40 Max	All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum of 2 single Axels) Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump	<ul> <li>Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>Min 3 revs.</li> <li>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</li> </ul>	Step Sequence     Must use one-half the ice surface     Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements     Jumps may be included in the step sequence
	Max 5 Jump Elements	Max 2 Spins	Max 1 Sequence
Preliminary 1:40 Max	<ul> <li>1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*</li> <li>All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop)         <ul> <li>Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed</li> <li>An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination</li> <li>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences         <ul> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs.  These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))	Step Sequence     Must use one-half the ice surface     Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements     Jumps may be included in the step sequence
	Maximum of 5 jump elements:	Maximum of 2 spins:	Max 1 Sequence
Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 10 sec.	<ul> <li>Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels).</li> <li>Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 3 revolutions)  One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin; change of foot optional (Min. 6 revolutions). Spins may not fly.	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface

# **ADULT 1-6, BEGINNER-BRONZE COMPULSORY**

- The skating order of the elements is optional. Element may only be attempted once.
- To be skated in simple program format with limited connecting steps, ½ ice.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element MISSING, REPEATED or from a higher level

Level	Time	Elements
		Forward Marching
Adult 1	1:30	Forward two-foot glide
	Max.	Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
		Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot
		Forward skating across the width of the ice
Adult 2	1:30	Forward one-foot glides
	Max.	Forward slalom
		Backward skating
		Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row
		Forward stroking using the blade properly
Adult 3	1:30	Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
	Max.	Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
		Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
		Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left
		Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
Adult 4	1:30	Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
	Max.	Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
		Hockey stop, both directions
		Backward one-foot glides, right and left
		Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
Adult 5	1:30	Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
	Max.	Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)
		Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
Adult 6	1:30	Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
	Max.	Forward inside three-turn, right and left
		• T-stop
		• Lunge
		Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)
		Bunny hop
Adult	1:30	Mazurka
Beginner	Max.	Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)
		Forward moving inside open Mohawk (right and left) – heel to instep
		Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and)
		left, one inside edge, right and left)
		Waltz Jump
Adult High	1:30	• ½ Flip
Beginner	Max.	Forward upright spin – minimum 3 revolutions
		Backward outside three- turn, right and left
		Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and
		left, one inside edge, right and left)
		Toe loop jump
Adult Pre-	1:30	• Jump combination or sequence consisting of only ½ revolution jumps (half loop is considered a full revolution jump)
Bronze	Max.	– maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
		Forward upright spin - minimum 3 revolutions
		Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover     and step to a forward inside adds a lead wise and assertional advertises.
		and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise
		Forward spiral (any edge)
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Adult Bronze	1:30	Waltz jump – toe loop combination jump  Parlament United Science and Adding 2 reports to an Adding 2 reports to a Adding 2
PLOUTE	Max.	Backward Upright Spin – entry optional (Min. 3 revolutions)      Backward incide these type right and left.
		Backward inside three-turn, right and left     Spire to proper (Minimum 2 prints) proved the property of the control of t
		Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)- must change edge or foot

#### **ADULT 1-6 FREE SKATE WITH MUSIC**

- The skating order of the required elements is optional.
- The elements are not restricted to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
- To be skated on full ice
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous (lower) levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element MISSING and for those elements performed from a higher level.

Level	Time	Elements
		Forward Marching
Adult 1	1:40 Max	Forward two-foot glide
		<ul> <li>Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Forward skating across the width of the ice</li> </ul>
Adult 2	1:40 Max	Forward one-foot glides
		Forward slalom
		Backward skating
		Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking using the blade properly</li> </ul>
Adult 3	1:40 Max	<ul> <li>Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and</li> </ul>
		counterclockwise
		Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
		<ul> <li>Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
		Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left
		<ul> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> </ul>
Adult 4	1:40 Max	<ul> <li>Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> </ul>
		Backward one-foot glides, right and left
		Hockey stop, both directions
		Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
Adult 5	1:40 Max	Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
		Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
		<ul> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> </ul>
		Beginning two-foot spin
		<ul> <li>Forward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> </ul>
Adult 6	1:40 Max	Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
		• T-stop
		• Lunge
		<ul> <li>Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)</li> </ul>

# ADULT BEGINNER – BRONZE FREE SKATE PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice and vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Adult Beginner  1:40 Maximum	Max. 4 jump elements	Max. 2 spins  Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 1
Adult High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	<ul> <li>Max 4 jump elements:         <ul> <li>Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz</li> <li>Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps</li> <li>Max. 2 of any same type jump.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Max 2 spins:  Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests
Adult Pre-Bronze  1:40 Maximum	Max 4 Jump Elements:  Jump combinations and sequences are optional, but no more than 2 combinations or sequences may be included  1 jump combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps.  Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)  Only single and half-revolution jumps are allowed  No single Lutz, single Axel or double jumps are allowed	Max 2 Spins:  Max Level 1  Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E)	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre- Preliminary Free Skate
Adult Bronze  1:50 maximum	Max 4 Jump Elements:  Max 2 combinations or sequences;  1 combination/sequence may consist of three jumps, and the other may have only two jumps  Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)  All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel)  No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	Max 2 Spins:  • Max Level 1  • Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))  • Min 3 revs total if no change of foot  • Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot  • Min 2 revs in each position  • No flying spins are permitted	Max 1 Sequence:  • Choreographic Step Sequence  Must use at least ½ ice surface  May include Moves in the Field and spirals	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate

#### **SPINS CHALLENGE**

General event parameters:

- Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on ½ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards	
		Upright one-foot spin (3)	
Beginner	1:30 max.	Upright back spin (3)	
		Sit spin (3)	
		Upright one-foot spin (4)	
High Beginner	1:30 max.	Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)	
		Sit spin (3)	
		Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)	
No Test	1:30 max.	Sit spin (3)	
		Camel spin (3)	
		Spin with one change of position and no change of foot (6)	
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	Backward sit spin (3)	
		Camel spin (4)	
		Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot)	
Preliminary	1:30 max.	Change sit spin (min 3. each foot)	
		One position spin – skater's choice (upright, sit or camel) (4)	

#### **JUMPS CHALLENGE**

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- To be skated on ½ ice

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
		Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
Beginner	1:15 max.	½ flip or ½ Lutz
		Single Salchow
		Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
High	1:15 max.	Single Salchow
Beginner		Jump combination – Waltz jump-toe loop
		Single toe loop
No Test	1:15 max.	Single loop
		Jump combination – Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
		Single toe loop
Pre –	1:15 max.	Single flip
Preliminary		Jump combination - Any two ½ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
		Single flip
Preliminary	1:15 max.	Single Lutz
		Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)