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<p><b>PRE-JUVENILE</b></p> <p>2:00 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>1 type of Short Lift max 7 secs</p> <p>Chosen from straight line lift, curve lift or stationary lift</p> <p><b>Rotational lifts and combination lifts not permitted.</b></p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>1 Spin</p> <p>Spin – min 3 revs. on one foot by both partners</p> <p><b>Combination Spins are not permitted.</b></p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Choreographic Step Sequence (Circular, Midline or Diagonal in Hold)</p> <p>The choreographic step sequence must fit the definition of one of the required step sequence options (circular, midline or diagonal in hold), and must utilize the full ice surface.</p> <p><b>Serpentine and not touching types of sequences are not permitted</b></p> <p><b>Not Permitted Elements:</b> Stops, pattern retrogressions and loops are not permitted in the step sequence.</p> <p>Dance spins and pirouettes are stops.</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Synchronized Twizzle</p> <p>At least one full rotation by each partner.</p> <p>Maximum of two rotations by each partner.</p> <p>Synchronized twizzle may be skated anywhere in the program except in the required step sequence.</p>	<p>Music should adhere to Rule 8095 (E).</p> <p>Kneeling or sliding on two knees or sitting on the ice is not allowed and will be considered as a fall by the technical panel.</p> <p>Touching the ice with hand(s) is not allowed</p> <p><b>Illegal Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jumps of more than one revolution or jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners.</li> <li>- Lying on the ice</li> <li>- Illegal Lift Movement/Pose</li> </ul>
<p><b>JUVENILE</b></p> <p>2:15 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p>2 different types of Short Lifts max 7 secs</p> <p><b>Combination lifts not permitted.</b></p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Spin or Combination Spin</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Choreographic Step Sequence (Circular, Midline or Diagonal in Hold)</p> <p>The choreographic step sequence must fit the definition of one of the required step sequence options (circular, midline or diagonal in hold), and must utilize the full ice surface.</p> <p><b>Serpentine and not touching types of sequences are not permitted</b></p> <p><b>Not Permitted Elements:</b> Stops, pattern retrogressions and loops are not permitted in the step sequence.</p> <p>Dance spins and pirouettes are stops.</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Synchronized Twizzle</p> <p>At least one full rotation by each partner.</p> <p>Synchronized twizzle may be skated anywhere in the program except in the required step sequence.</p>	<p>Music should adhere to Rule 8095 (E).</p> <p>Kneeling or sliding on two knees or sitting on the ice is not allowed and will be considered as a fall by the technical panel.</p> <p>Touching the ice with hand(s) is not allowed</p> <p><b>Illegal Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jumps of more than one revolution or jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners.</li> <li>- Lying on the ice</li> <li>- Illegal Lift Movement/Pose</li> </ul>

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<p><b>INTERMEDIATE</b></p> <p>2:30 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p>2 different types of Short Lifts max 7 secs</p> <p><b>Combination lifts not permitted.</b></p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Spin or Combination Spin</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>1 Step Sequence in Hold (Style B) to be selected from Circular, Midline or Diagonal</p> <p>Must utilize the full ice surface</p> <p><b>Serpentine and not touching types of sequences are not permitted</b></p> <p><b>Not Permitted Elements:</b> Stops, pattern retrogressions and loops are not permitted in the step sequence.</p> <p>Dance spins and pirouettes are stops.</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Set of Synchronized Twizzles (FD variation)</p> <p>At least two twizzles for each partner, with a <u>min of 2 steps and up to 4 steps between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step)</u></p> <p><u>Partners must be in contact at some point between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Twizzles.</u></p>	<p>Music should adhere to Rule 8095 (E).</p> <p>Kneeling or sliding on two knees or sitting on the ice is not allowed and will be considered as a fall by the technical panel.</p> <p>Touching the ice with hand(s) is not allowed</p> <p><b>Illegal Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jumps of more than one revolution or jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners.</li> <li>- Lying on the ice</li> <li>- Illegal Lift Movement/Pose</li> </ul>
<p><b>NOVICE</b></p> <p>3:00 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p>2 different types of Short Lifts max 7 secs</p> <p><b>Combination lifts not permitted.</b></p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Spin or Combination Spin</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p><b><u>1 Choreographic Character Step Sequence (ChSt)</u></b></p> <p><u>Choreographic Character Step Sequence: performed anywhere in program. Must be placed around short axis (within 10 meters on either side of the short axis). Must proceed from barrier to barrier. May be in hold or not touching. Touching ice with hand(s) is allowed. Distance between partners is permitted as a maximum of 4 arms lengths apart (4 meters).</u></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>1 Step Sequence in Hold (Style B) to be selected from Circular, Midline, Diagonal or Serpentine</b></p> <p><b>Not Permitted Elements for Style B Step Sequence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stops and loops are not permitted</li> <li>- One pattern retrogression is permitted, but no more. If performed, the retrogression must not exceed two measures of music. A narrow loop is an acceptable shape in the retrogression.</li> </ul> <p>Dance spins and pirouettes are stops.</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Set of Synchronized Twizzles (FD variation)</p> <p>At least two twizzles for each partner, with a <u>min of 2 steps and up to 4 steps between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step)</u></p> <p><u>Partners must be in contact at some point between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Twizzles.</u></p>	<p>Music should adhere to Rule 8095 (E).</p> <p>Kneeling or sliding on two knees or sitting on the ice is not allowed and will be considered as a fall by the technical panel.</p> <p>Touching the ice with hand(s) is not allowed (<u>except during choreographic character step sequence</u>).</p> <p><b>Illegal Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jumps of more than one revolution or jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners.</li> <li>- Lying on the ice</li> <li>- Illegal Lift Movement/Pose</li> </ul>

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<p><b>JUNIOR</b></p> <p>3:30 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p>1 Combination Lift</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>2 Different Types of Short Lifts</p> <p>****</p> <p>Combination Lifts – max 12 secs</p> <p>Short Lifts – max 7 secs</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Spin or Combination Spin</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p><b>1 Step Sequence in Hold (Style B): Midline, Diagonal, Circular or Serpentine</b></p> <p>Must maintain integrity or basic shape of chosen pattern. Some deviations are expected to complete required turns, but if chosen pattern is not clearly recognizable, this will be a negative feature for incorrect pattern in the GOE.</p> <p><b>Specification to Style B:</b> Retrogression: one (1) permitted, must not exceed two measures of music.</p> <p>Separations permitted, no more than 2 arm lengths apart and must not exceed 5 seconds.</p> <p>Loops NOT permitted (a narrow loop is an acceptable shape in the retrogression).</p> <p>Hand-in-hand hold not permitted with fully extended arms.</p> <p>Stops NOT permitted.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>1 One Foot Step Sequence Not Touching</b></p> <p><u>Turns performed on one foot by each partner and must be started with the first turn at the same time.</u></p> <p>Dance spins and pirouettes are stops.</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Set of Synchronized Twizzles (FD variation)</p> <p>At least two twizzles for each partner, with a <u>min of 2 steps and up to 4 steps between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step)</u></p> <p><u>Partners must be in contact at some point between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Twizzles.</u></p>	<p><b>2 Different</b></p> <p>Choreographic Dance Lift Or Choreographic Spinning Movement Or Choreographic Twizzling Movement Or Choreographic Sliding Movement Or Choreographic Character Step Sequence</p> <p>See ISU Communication #2239 for definitions of choreographic elements.</p> <p>Note: Choreographic Spinning Movement, Choreographic Sliding Movement and Choreographic Character Step Sequence may be skated anywhere in the program. The Choreographic Dance Lift and Choreographic Twizzling Movement are to be performed after its respective required element.</p>	<p>Music should adhere to Rule 8095 (E) and ISU Communication #2239.</p> <p><b>Stops</b> After clock started, couple must not remain on one place for more than 10 seconds</p> <p>During program: unlimited full stops of up to 5 seconds max. are allowed</p> <p><b>Separations</b> Number of separations to execute transitional footwork or moves is not restricted;</p> <p>Distance allowed is maximum 2 arms lengths during separations (<u>except during choreographic character step sequence</u>);</p> <p>Durations of each separation (outside Req. Elements) is 5 seconds max;</p> <p>Separations at beginning and/or end of program are permitted up to 10 seconds, no restrictions on distance of separation.</p> <p><b>Touching Ice with Hands</b> Touching the ice with the hand(s) is not allowed (except choreographic sliding movement and choreographic character step sequence).</p> <p><b>Illegal Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jumps of more than one revolution or jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners.</li> <li>- Lying on the ice</li> <li>- Illegal Lift Movement/Pose</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SENIOR</b></p> <p>4:00 +/- 10 sec</p>	<p><b>Max 3</b></p> <p>1 Short Lift and 1 Combination Lift (the type of short lift must be different from the type(s) of short lift(s) forming the combination lift).</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p>3 Different Types of Short Lifts</p> <p>****</p> <p>Combination lifts – max 12 secs</p> <p>Short lifts - max 7 secs</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Spin or Combination Spin</p>	<p><b>Max 2</b></p> <p><b>1 Step Sequence in Hold (Style B):</b> Midline, Diagonal, Circular or Serpentine</p> <p>Must maintain integrity or basic shape of chosen pattern. Some deviations are expected to complete required turns, but if chosen pattern is not clearly recognizable, this will be a negative feature for incorrect pattern in the GOE.</p> <p><b>Specification to Style B:</b> Retrogression: one (1) permitted, must not exceed two measures of music.</p> <p>Separations permitted, no more than 2 arms lengths apart and must not exceed 5 seconds.</p> <p>Loops NOT permitted (a narrow loop is an acceptable shape in the retrogression).</p> <p>Hand-in-hand hold not permitted with fully extended arms.</p> <p>Stops NOT permitted.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>1 One Foot Step Sequence Not Touching</b></p> <p><u>Turns performed on one foot by each partner and must be started with the first turn at the same time.</u></p> <p>Dance spins and pirouettes are stops.</p>	<p><b>Max 1</b></p> <p>Set of Synchronized Twizzles (FD variation)</p> <p>At least two twizzles for each partner, with a <u>min of 2 steps and up to 4 steps between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> twizzles. (Each push and/or transfer of weight while on two feet between Twizzles is considered as a step)</u></p> <p><u>Partners must be in contact at some point between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Twizzles.</u></p>	<p><b>3 Different</b></p> <p><b>1 of which must be a Choreographic Character Step Sequence</b></p> <p><b>2 additional chosen from:</b></p> <p>Choreographic Dance Lift Or Choreographic Spinning Movement Or Choreographic Twizzling Movement Or Choreographic Sliding Movement</p> <p>See ISU Communication #2239 for definitions of choreographic elements.</p> <p>Note: Choreographic Spinning Movement, Choreographic Sliding Movement and Choreographic Character Step Sequence may be skated anywhere in the program. The Choreographic Dance Lift and Choreographic Twizzling Movement are to be performed after its respective required element.</p>	<p>Music should adhere to Rule 8095 (E) and ISU Communication #2239.</p> <p><b>Stops</b> After clock started, couple must not remain on one place for more than 10 seconds</p> <p>During program: unlimited full stops of up to 5 seconds max. are allowed</p> <p><b>Separations</b> Number of separations to execute transitional footwork or moves is not restricted;</p> <p>Distance allowed is maximum 2 arms lengths during separations (<u>except during choreographic character step sequence</u>);</p> <p>Durations of each separation (outside Req. Elements) is 5 seconds max;</p> <p>Separations at beginning and/or end of program are permitted up to 10 seconds, no restrictions on distance of separation.</p> <p><b>Touching Ice with Hands</b> Touching the ice with the hand(s) is not allowed (except choreographic sliding movement and choreographic character step sequence).</p> <p><b>Illegal Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jumps of more than one revolution or jumps of one revolution skated at the same time by both partners.</li> <li>- Lying on the ice</li> <li>- Illegal Lift Movement/Pose</li> </ul>