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| Description | Penalty | Who is responsible |
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| Program time violation – as per Rule 8032 and the Timing Chart for Skater's Choice Pattern Dance Music (https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2018-19%20Skaters%20Choice%20PD%20Timing.pdf) | for every 5 sec. lacking or in excess | Referee |
| Juvenile, Intermediate and All Adult Pattern Dance Events Novice Pattern Dance Events | -0.5 -1.0 | |
| Costume / prop violations – as per Rule 8021 | -1.0 per program | Referee + Judges The deduction is applied according to the opinion of the majority of the Panel which includes all the Judges and the Referee and no deduction in case of a 50:50 split vote. The Judges and Referee will press a button on their screen to apply the above mentioned deductions. |
| Part of the costume / decoration falls on the ice – as per Rule 8021 (G) | -1.0 per program | Referee |
| Fall for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and All Adult Pattern Dance Events: per fall by one partner per fall by both partners A fall is defined as loss of control by a skater with the result that the majority of his/her own body weight is on the ice supported by any other part of the body other than the blades e.g. hand(s), knee(s), buttock(s), or any part of the arm (Rule 1400). | -0.5 -1.0 | Technical Panel Technical Specialist identifies. Technical Controller authorizes or corrects and deducts. However, if both Technical Specialists disagree with a correction requested by the Technical Controller, the initial decision of the Technical Specialist and Assistant Technical Specialist stands. |
| Late start – as per Rule 1322 – for start between 1 and 30 seconds late | -1.0 | Referee |
| Interruption in performing the program – for every interruption An interruption is defined as the time elapsed between the moment a skater stops performing the program until the moment he resumes performing the program (Rule 1403) | | Referee |
| Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and All Adult Pattern Dance Events - more than 10 sec. and up to 20 sec. interruption - more than 20 sec. and up to 30 sec. interruption - more than 30 sec. and up to 40 sec. interruption | -1.0 point deduction | If an interruption lasts more than 40 seconds, an acoustic signal is produced by the referee and the couple is withdrawn. |
| Interruption with allowance of up to 3 minutes to resume from point of interruption – once per program (Rule 1403) Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice and All Adult Pattern Dance Events | -1.5 point deduction | Referee If one partner does not report to the referee within 40 seconds after the interruption started, or if the couple does not resume the program within the additional 3 minutes allowance, the couple is withdrawn. |
| Music requirements – according to Rules 8031 and 8032: the music must be chosen in accordance with the rhythm of the Pattern Dance. For Juvenile, Intermediate and All Adult Pattern Dance Events For Novice Pattern Dance Events | -1.0 per program -2.0 per program | Referee + Judges The deduction is applied according to the opinion of the majority of the Panel which includes all the Judges and the Referee and no deduction in case of a 50:50 split vote. The Judges and Referee will press a button on their screen to apply the above mentioned deductions. |
| Tempo specifications – according to Rule 8031 Tempo: the tempo throughout the required sequences must be constant and in accordance with the required tempo of the pattern dance, plus or minus 2 beats per minute. | -1.0 per program | Referee |