

The following clarifications have been put forth by the ISU following the publication of ISU Communication 1504, specific to items 10 and 11 contained therein. The item from 1504 is listed first, with the clarification following **in bold type**.

- “10. In case of a fresh start due to interruption caused by injury, medical problem, equipment, etc., the skater is allowed up to three (3) minutes before the continuation of the program. In this case a deduction of 2.0 points will be applied by the Referee.”

It is at the referee’s discretion as to whether or not to stop the performance in the event of a piece of costume (hair elastic, etc.) falling on the ice. Although this could potentially constitute the need for a fresh start as per the change outlined above, it is recommended that the referee use their own best judgment as to whether the item in question is, because of its location on the ice, a hazard to the performance. If the referee determines that it is not, then the performance can continue uninterrupted with no associated deduction.

Note that the deduction of 2.0 as listed above applies to Junior and Senior events only. Skate Canada is currently determining how to apply the intent of this rule to events Novice and lower. Until such a time as that determination has been made, no deduction will be taken, as per the current Duties of the Referee as listed in the ‘Duties of Officials’, Policies and Procedures (Section 2000), Skate Canada Rule Book.

- “11. 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.”

In the case of problems with music (disc skipping, stopping, etc) it has been determined that this would qualify under “no way the fault of the skater”. The rationale is that, although there is the possibility that the disc as delivered by the skater to the competition at registration was of a condition that caused it to have problems during the performance, it is unrealistic to expect the Referee to examine the disc to determine if the condition of the disc was at fault for the interruption and that this problem occurred when the skater was in possession of the disc.

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