

Summary of Applicable Variations for 2013-14

Variations are the building blocks of Difficulty Groups for Elements and Features. With several changes to the requirements for Difficulty Groups this season, this chart provides a glance at the Variations that now apply to each Element and Feature. **ISU Communication 1798** outlines the specific requirements for Variations and Difficulty Groups in detail.

Elements

Element	Feature	Element Variations	
BLOCK	None	1. Pivoting - Must be in four lines for Short Program	
CIRCLE	None	1. Traveling	
LINE	None	1. Pivoting 2. Interacting and Pivoting	
WHEEL	None	SHORT PROGRAM 1. Traveling 2. Change of rotational direction	FREE PROGRAM 1. At least two different configurations 2. Change of rotational direction 3. Change of position of each spoke
INTERSECTION	Point of Intersection	1. Back-to-back (or backward pivoting entry) preparation and approach 2. Backward 360 degree rotation during approach	
NO HOLD ELEMENT	Step Sequence	1. Change of axis 2. Body movements 3. Skaters/lines change places 4. Extra features	
BLOCK STEP SEQUENCE	None	1. Change of rotation 360 degrees 2. Series of three or four different types of difficult turns on one foot	
CIRCLE STEP SEQUENCE	None	1. Change of rotation 360 degrees 2. Series of three or four different types of difficult turns on one foot	
MOVES	None	None	
MOVES IN THE FIELD	Free Skate Moves	1. One fm must be a spiral 2. Must use fm's from specific Levels for each Difficulty Group 3. Two different fm's executed at the same time 4. All skaters execute a change of position, relative to the skater beside them	
SPIN	None	None	
GROUP LIFT	None	1. Vaulting up AND down from a lift 2. Change of position of lifted skater 3. Balancing lift 4. Rotating in both rotational directions 5. Mirror image pattern	
CREATIVE	None	None	

Features

Feature	Element	Feature Variations
Point of intersection	INTERSECTION	None
Step Sequence	NO HOLD ELEMENT	1. 360 degree rotation on one or two feet 2. Series/combo of two or three different types of difficult turns on 1 foot
Free Skate Moves	MOVES IN THE FIELD	None