

Communication No. 2698

Amendment of Rule 709 and Rule 710 – Music Requirements in Ice Dance

In accordance with Article 17, paragraph 1 q) i), and with immediate effect, the Council decided to amend

Rule 709, paragraph 1 c) *and* Rule 710, paragraph 1 c),

in order to reduce the exposure of Skaters to legal risks related to music rights.

- Rule 709, paragraph 1c)

c) The music for the Rhythm Dance, including music for the specified Pattern Dance (if required) is to be provided by the Couple. The music may be vocal and must be suitable for Ice Dance as a sport discipline. The music must have the following characteristics:

- i) Only dance music with a rhythmic beat may be used. The music may be without a rhythmic beat for up to 10 seconds at the beginning of the program;
- ii) The music must be selected in accordance with the designated rhythm(s) and/or theme(s);
- iii) The music selected must have a constant tempo and be in accordance with the specified tempo, when applicable

- Rule 710, paragraph 1c)

(c) The music for Free Dance may be vocal and must be suitable for Ice Dance as a sport discipline and must have the following characteristics:

- i) The music must have a rhythmic beat and melody, or rhythmic beat alone, and may be vocal. The music may be without a rhythmic beat for up to 10 seconds at the beginning or at the end of the program and up to 10 seconds during the program.
- ii) The music must have at least one change of tempo/rhythm and expression. These changes may be gradual or immediate.
- iii) All music must create an interesting, colorful, entertaining dance program with different dance moods or a building effect.

Free Dance music that does not adhere to these requirements will be penalized by a deduction (see Rule 353, paragraph 1.n).

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