

## **Initial Judges' Meeting, Pre-Event Meeting and Round Table Discussion at ISU Championships & ISU Events**

### **Initial Judges' Meeting (IJM)**

1. Judges must attend an Initial Judges Meeting moderated by the Referee and the Chair or a member of the respective Technical Committee if present, and if possible, the Technical Controller.
2. The Judges' Meeting for each panel should be held before the beginning of the competition
3. The Judges' Meeting should be used to go through, in brief summary, the Rules relating to the duties of Judges and the marking with special attention to any changes in Rules or in their interpretation or clarification that may have been officially published
4. The Referee is obliged to confirm in the Referee Report that the guideline for the Initial Judges Meeting has been followed.

### **5. General Items**

- a) Housekeeping
- b) Duties of Judges
- c) Code of Ethics
- d) Responsibility
- e) Paper on stands
- f) Time and schedule – including dates and times of Pre-Event and Round Table Meetings

### **6. Judging**

#### **A. Technical Rules and Requirements**

Current Rules, ISU Communications, Handbooks and Questions & Answers

- i. Review of Guidelines for GOE
- ii. Falls & Interruptions

#### **B. Program Components**

- i. Review of guidelines for each Components
- ii. Falls & Interruptions

### **7. Assessment**

- a) OAC communication
- b) Guidelines
- c) Procedure
- d) Evaluation of Errors and NB

### **8. Technical Equipment**

- a) Ensure all Judges are familiar with equipment
- b) Offer a rehearsal

### **9. Various, Questions, Answers**

- a) Request any questions
- b) During this meeting each judge should be encouraged to give at least one comment

## **Pre-Event Meeting (PEM)**

1. In this meeting, the Referee should focus on the essentials of the elements of the respective segment of the competition
2. This meeting should take place immediately prior to the competition segment
3. Summary of practice session : reminder that could be important for judges (ex: check the variety of turns/steps, number of skaters in a good position for...)
4. Since Judges present are about to judge, this meeting should not take the form of a seminar
5. This meeting should not be longer that **10-15 minutes**, thus allowing Judges to focus on the work in hand

## **Round Table Discussion (RTD)**

1. Judges of the Event must attend the RTD, moderated by the Referee and if possible, the Technical Controller
2. This meeting should be held after conclusion of the last segment
3. The Chair or a member of the Technical Committee may be present at any Round Table Discussion
4. The Referee must include video footage from the competition within this meeting
5. The purpose of the meeting is to provide feedback for the Judges and to reach a consensus to assist the ISU for future judging guidelines. The discussions will not be used to criticize individuals judging the discipline in question.
6. Preparation before the meeting:  
Referee is required to identify Judges with:
  - iii. Minor errors
  - iv. Serious errors
  - v. National Bias (NB)
  - vi. The Referee is required to confirm whether the Judge has valid reason or not
  - vii. If no OAC, the Referee, on its report, will inform the SySTC about possible errors/NB
7. **Topics for discussion**
  - a. General quality of Skating in SP and FS – could be different
  - b. Range of GOE for Elements – highest/lowest GOE – compare in detail with guideline
  - c. Range of PCs – highest/lowest PC – compare in detail with guideline
  - d. Discussion of any deductions or reductions for violation of rules
  - e. Possible improvements:
    - i. Marking guide
    - ii. Equipment
    - iii. Suggestions/recommendations to SySTC
  - f. Conclusion of the Meeting
    - i. Official statement of the overall by the Referee
    - ii. End of Meeting