

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

GENERAL – Team Composition and Procedures

Following the publication of ISU Communication 2757, the composition and procedures of Teams (**excluding Synchro9**) during ISU Championships and international competitions are clarified:

Season 2025/2026

	ISU Championships	International competitions
Senior	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates	12 Skaters (Senior Elite12) + maximum 4 alternates OR 16 Skaters (Senior) + maximum 4 alternates
	*Senior and Senior Elite12 must be combined at international competitions after registration if a category does not have enough Teams or ISU Members participating to earn World Ranking and/or World Standings points	
Junior	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates
Novice	N/A	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates

Season 2026/2027

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Senior	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates	12 Skaters (Senior Elite12) + maximum 4 alternates OR 16 Skaters (Senior) + maximum 4 alternates
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Junior	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates	12-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates
Novice	N/A	9-16 Skaters + maximum 4 alternates

Clarification on registration procedures:

During the registration period, Teams may register a list of Skaters + a maximum of 4 alternates. The list may be modified for any reason on the day of the on-site accreditation in accordance with Rule 868 paragraph 6.

Teams are not allowed to modify the list of Skaters and alternates after accreditation.

Teams are not allowed to change the number of Skaters performing their program between the Short Program and the Free Skate, except in the event of an injury/illness. A medical certificate must be presented.

GENERAL – Officials

Question #1 Excessive Use of Ice

The below was stated in Q&A #1 published on 11 September 2025.

“To which element should Excessive Use of Ice be applied?”

Answer

Applies to ALL elements

Greater than 1/2 of the ice surface (confirm with video review)

- Does not include the preparation or entry variation of Intersections*
- Does not include the preparation of Move element*
- Does not include the preparation of Twizzles element”*

It is further clarified that in addition to the above, the Excessive Use of Ice for a Move Element is applied only for those Skaters in a fm position. It is not applied to Skaters who are not yet in a fm position and are still in preparation, or to Skaters who have already finished their respective fms.

CREATIVE LIFT ELEMENT

Question #1

ISU Communication 2695 Difficulty Groups of Elements, Features and Additional Features states that the CrL ends when all Skaters have been set down and the groups break apart, or when the CrL is the last Element and the lifted Skaters remain lifted for their ending pose. If a Team first includes lift(s) in which not all Skaters participate and those lifts are set down, can the CrL be confirmed if the Team then executes another set of lifts after which all Skaters have participated in a lift as required?

Answer

There are no requirements for the lifts to overlap or be done at the same time. When calling the CrL, the following principles shall be applied:

*Element ends when **all Skaters have participated in a lift** and:*

- The lifted Skater(s) have been set down, and the pair(s)/group(s) break apart*

OR

- The CrL is the last Element with the Skater(s) remaining lifted for the ending pose*