

STRUCTURE OF JUDGES ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION GUIDELINES - ICE DANCE

Judges of International Competitions, ISU Championships and Olympic Winter Games must attend a closed meeting (called the Round Table Discussion).

1. Judges of the Event with the Referee and, if possible, the Technical Controller.
2. This meeting should be held as soon as possible after conclusion of the Free Dance but should not be later than the following day.
3. The Chair or a member of the Ice Dance Technical Committee may be present at any Round Table Discussion
4. The Referee should, if possible, include video footage from the competition within this meeting. For ISU events, the Referee must include video footage from the event during 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. The meeting should be planned to last for approximately 1 to 1.5 hours depending on the Organisation timetable.

Topics for discussion

1. General quality of skating in Rhythm Dance and Free Dance – this could be different
2. General comments on the event regarding technical aspects
3. Range of GOE for elements – without establishing correct range, the highest and lowest could be discussed
4. Range of Program Components – without establishing correct range, selection of good and bad examples to compare in detail with guideline
5. Discussion of any deductions for violation of rules that should or should not have been warranted
6. Application and validity of regulations

7. Summary of the meeting with general remarks and possible improvements to
 - marking guide
 - equipment
 - print outs
 - flow of information
 - suggestions/recommendations to the IDTC

8. Conclusion of the Meeting
 - Official statement of the overall event by the Referee
 - End the meeting

At International Competitions, ISU Championships, ISU Events and Olympic Winter Games the Referee is required to identify judges with:

- minor errors
- many cases of serious errors
- marks showing bias of any kind

During the RTD the Referee is REQUIRED to confirm whether the Judge has valid reasons or not.